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A MATTER OF GOOD FAITH

BRITAIN is having a bad time over international trade contracts. The Chinese Government have cancelled a cotton deal for several thousand tons and the Washington Administration has seen fit to edge out the English Electric Company's bid for the supply of turbines for a dam project, despite the fact that it was \$106,000 lower than the lowest American bid.

No explanation for China's cancellation of the cotton contract is yet forthcoming, but on the face of it China's action might be explained by physical reasons beyond the country's control.

Not Denied

THE British firms affected have protested to Peking and an explanation will be welcome even though it be unsatisfactory and unhelpful to those concerned. On the other hand the statement that the United States have washed out the English Electric Company's bid on the grounds that it threatened national security is nothing but a tissue of lies.

It is a political manoeuvre which, while it has saved the life of a politician who went lobbying in Washington, must certainly rattle in the minds of those who believe in fair and unfavourable competition.

If one is to believe reports from Washington (and these have not been denied), the final decision to award the contract to domestic company came direct from the White House. This is not the first time that overseas firms have had their tenders turned down ostensibly on "security grounds", when in fact political considerations have dictated the outcome. It is pleasing to see, however, that the Washington Post has thought fit to criticise the action as having "a strong smell of fish." "What smells more," says the newspaper, "is the prostitution of this country's trade policy for political reasons."

Galling Part

BRITAIN has unfortunately taken seriously many homilies from Washington about liberalising trade and has acted in good faith. Britain recently freed American machinery from import restrictions. But what must be the most galling part is that she also bought implements worth \$8,000,000 from the very firm which received the turbine contract.

This, then, is hardly conforming with the idea of interdependence and more freedom of trade between the two countries. The need of interdependence is not confined to Britain and the United States, it is becoming increasingly important throughout the world and more particularly amongst the Western powers. A more liberal generosity in beyond doubt the Washington action will stick in many throats unless the United States can be prevailed upon to reverse the decision.

INVESTIGATION INTO DISAPPEARANCE OF SCHOONER Ian Crouch Inquiry Starts

Last Message Sent To Hongkong

At 8.50 a.m. on September 27, 1958, the Marine Department in Hongkong received from the Australian schooner Ian Crouch the following message: "Position 95 miles southeast of Hongkong... fair and clear weather... wind force 5... all is well."

Then silence. Today in the Supreme Court building, a Marine Board of Inquiry is being held to try to determine her fate. The ship had left on the day before with a crew of 12 for Port Adelaide in South Australia on her maiden voyage but she never reached her destination.

The hearing is before a Marine Board of Inquiry comprising Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (President), and Capt. J. Perles, RN, Capt. J. Wood, Extra Master, Capt. C. W. Osterfeld, Extra Master and Mr O. E. Fingelsen, Naval Architect (Members).

Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is appearing for the Attorney-General, to assist the Court in the inquiry.

Mr G. R. Sneyd, Crown Counsel, represents the Director of Marine, Hongkong. The owners of the Ian Crouch, Messrs Ian Crouch Ltd. of Port Adelaide, South Australia, are represented by Mr H. Cairne, of Johnson, Stokes and Masters.

Mr P. D. A. Remedios of Philip Remedios and Co. appears for Choy Lee Shipyard, of Hongkong.

The Names

Mr Li said that there was a misunderstanding regarding the name of the owners of the Ian Crouch. It had been stated that Messrs M. B. Crouch and Co. were the owners. Now it had been clarified that Messrs Ian Crouch Ltd. are the owners. Mr Li said that the inquiry was into the mysterious disappearance of the vessel Ian Crouch, a mystery which unfortunately had turned into tragedy because there were 12 persons on board including many experienced crew members, all from Australia.

However, no formal question at the present stage was formulated because there had not been a preliminary inquiry and in fact the very reason the Court was convened was to inquire into the cause of the casualty, and if the cause was known, as to future prevention, he would, he said, do his best to present evidence available concerning the vessel, particularly the construction, the equipment she carried when she left port, members of the crew on board and subsequently the search.

Crown Counsel said that such material facts touching upon these matters spread out over a period of more than two years, between early 1956, when the contract for the building of the ship was signed up to the period of September, 1958, when she sailed, and to November and December when her whereabouts was the subject matter of inquiry and search.

Construction

Referring to the construction of the ship, Mr Li said that the Ian Crouch was built as a steel auxiliary sailing vessel to the order of Mr B. M. Crouch. This was before the Ian Crouch Ltd was formed. The ship was built in accordance with the plans drawn up by Mr John Graig, a Naval architect from Australia who arrived here in February, 1956. The contract for the building of the vessel was signed in May 1956.

Mr Li said that it would be sufficient to say that by the specifications and plans attached to the contract the standard of materials and workmanship demanded was very high, the highest possible in the maritime world because the vessel was to be classified as 100-A-1 under the Lloyd's Register.

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Macmillan Considering Moscow Visit

London, Feb. 1. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is considering the prospects of an exploratory trip to Moscow, diplomatic sources said today.

His visit at this stage of the cold war was said to hinge at any rate on two major preliminary conditions. There would have to be first a new invitation from the Kremlin and there would have to be some prospect that a visit would help to ease the cold war, the sources said.

Consultation

Any such decision would be taken only after full consultation and agreement with President Eisenhower, and not on a "going it alone" basis, the sources said.

No immediate moves were expected, but diplomats held that a visit to Moscow — if it were considered — would have to take place by the spring, in advance of the projected East-West talks on Berlin and a German settlement.—U.P.I.

STOP PRESS

TEA SCORE

Adelaide, Feb. 2. England were 48 for two at tea in reply to Australia's first innings of 476.

England batsmen dismissed were Richardson for four and Bailey also for four.

Peter May was not out 25, and Colin Cowdrey 10 not out.—Reuter.

Buddhist Monks Discover Some 'Earthly Pleasures'

Four Buddhist monks were seen giving way to the allurements of "earthly pleasures." They were drinking whisky and soda with attractive waitresses at a bar in one of the back alleys of Kobe.

Another photo showed them imbibing "snack" with gracefully dressed Geisha girls and casting appreciative glances at pictures of nude.

This state of affairs scandalized the elder priests of the Shofukuji Temple in Kobe. The elders summoned every means to prevent the scandal from reaching the public; but it was too late. For a series of nine photos, taken by a local newspaper photographer, had already appeared in the February issue of the Asahi Camera, a leading photographic quarterly,

BBC Pick's Up Mystery Signals

London, Feb. 1. British Broadcasting Corporation experts tonight heard two signals from space but assumed they both came from the Soviet Sputnik three.

A spokesman at the BBC listening post at Tatsfield, Surrey, told Reuter: "I can't say there are not two satellites but I don't think so." The listening post had paid special attention to the signals following a statement by the head of the Bochum Observatory in West Germany that there might be a new satellite in orbit.

SPUTNIK THREE?

The BBC spokesman said that the listening post heard a signal they assumed came from Sputnik three.

This lasted three minutes and then faded away. A quarter of an hour later it returned and then lasted a quarter of an hour. The spokesman added that this phenomenon had occurred several times in the past and they had come to call it "pre-cursory reception."

They believed that freak conditions sometimes made it possible for Sputnik three to be heard ahead of the time when it would normally come within range.—Reuter.

Reloated

Otaru, Feb. 2. Three Japanese coast guard patrol ships on Sunday helped reloat the 9,991-ton Danish freighter Kina which went aground in port here on Saturday when strong winds cut her anchor chain.—U.P.I.

Three persons died and 22 were injured in Glasgow last week when a tramcar loaded with passengers smashed into the back of a 10-ton truck and burst into flames. Some of the injured broke arms and legs as they smashed windows on the top deck and jumped.—Express Photo.

Bad Fog Causes 'Emergency' At Manchester

Manchester, Feb. 1. Fog has made so many people ill with chest troubles in this northern industrial city that a "state of emergency" was declared today at four Manchester hospitals.

This decision means no more medical cases will be admitted unless they are urgent. Tonight the medical superintendent of the 1,150-bed Crumpsall Hospital, biggest of the group, said: "I cannot say exactly how many cases of people suffering from the effects of last week's fog have been admitted, but there have been a great many."

Bronchitis

"People who were already suffering from bronchitis were most severely affected."

"Accommodation" at the hospital was so severely taxed four years ago owing to the same cause that the group decided to apply emergency measures if the same thing happened again. (1952 was Britain's year of the great smog, when a choking mixture of smoke and fog claimed thousands of victims.)

At another hospital in Manchester, 30 members of the

nursing staff were off duty with illness. The matron denied rumours that more than 100 nurses were ill and an emergency ward had been opened.—Reuter.

FALSE ALARM IN SEARCH FOR SHIP

Copenhagen, Feb. 1. An American search plane has sighted what appeared to be a lifeboat drifting in the sea south of Greenland, but markings indicated it probably was not from the missing Hans Hedtoft, it was reported here tonight.

A spokesman for the Greenland Trading Company said the plane reported its sightings to the U.S. coast guard cutter Campbell, which is co-ordinating search operations for the ship. But an official of the company, said the Hans Hedtoft's lifeboats did not carry a black or dark stripe.

Meanwhile, four and a half million Danes today mourned the 34 passengers and crew of the Danish liner.

As relatives and friends of the missing listened to every new radio bulletin today in towns throughout the country, in a last faint hope of better news, special prayers were said in the churches.—U.P.I. and Reuter.

Reports Denied

Vienna, Feb. 1. Official Romanian sources today denied reports that Marina Justinian, wife of the Orthodox Church's Bishop Justinian, was under house arrest.—U.P.I.

Charged With Stealing, Sinking RN Boat

Two men and a woman were charged with stealing and sinking a Royal Naval launch at the Kowloon District Court this morning.

The case was adjourned till Thursday by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens for a date to be fixed after two of the defendants had pleaded not guilty to their respective charges.

The two men were Lau Shu-tan, alias Lau Kau-mun, a 33-year-old unemployed, and Lau Yuk-sat, 24. The woman was 22-year-old Chan Ying, alias Chan Yee.

Damaged

On November 6 it is alleged the three defendants stole and maliciously damaged the Royal Naval launch C.D.22 by sinking the vessel. They were also charged with stealing various fixtures off the launch.

Another defendant, Chau Hon, a marine dealer who was represented by Mr P. L. Lam, was charged with receiving.

The first defendant Lau Shu-tan pleaded guilty to all charges but the others pleaded not guilty.

Policeman On Charge Of Armed Robbery

A 30-year-old Shantung police constable was charged with robbery with an offensive weapon before Mr. Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning.

The defendant, Yao Chi-sien, No. 2865, residing at Upper Levels Police Barracks, was remanded for three days in police custody for further inquiries.

No plea was taken. Yao is alleged to have robbed Chan Kwong-hing of \$17,700 cash at 13, Irving Street, ground floor, yesterday while armed with a .38 revolver. Sub-inspector R. Ma prosecuted.

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CASTRO BEGINS LAND HAND-OUTS, BUT WAR TRIALS GO ON

Havana, Feb. 1. Fidel Castro today went back to the mountains where his revolution began. Accompanying him was a 200-man task force tonight to give state-owned land free to the peasants who supported him.

It was a month ago today that dictator Fulgencio Batista fled the country by plane with doctors, teachers, engineers and other experts to launch his nationwide land reform programme.

Their job will be to parcel out state-owned lands to thousands of tenant-farming peasants. The object will be to give each farmer 60 acres. When government land is exhausted, Castro plans to buy up privately-owned estates at the rate of \$3 million a month to continue the programme.

Executed

In Havana, the body of Maj. Pedro Morejon Valdes, convicted as the number 2 war criminal, was delivered to the City Morgue this morning.

The body will be turned over to relatives for burial. Morejon was executed by a firing squad before midnight, the first convicted war criminal to be executed in the capital.

He was awakened from a fitful sleep in his cell and taken to the bottom of a 50-foot-deep dry moat surrounding Cabana fortress. Three newspapermen were refused permission to witness the execution.

They heard a volley of rifle shots followed two seconds later by a pistol shot. The left leg of the corpse, Morejon was dead.

One of the returning members of the firing squad was a 15-year-old boy, selected by lot.

High Gear

Humberto Sori Marin, the judge advocate of the Rebel Army, said the war crimes trials would be thrown into high gear in Havana and Santiago, the capital of Oriente Province, starting this week.

Revolutionary tribunals in the two cities have about 1,750 cases to process, about 1,000 of them here.

Sori estimated that another 3,000 to 4,000 were awaiting trials in provincial cities throughout the island.—U.P.I.

BIG FACTORY BARS 'WORKER PRIEST'

London, Feb. 1. The Bishop of Rochester's chaplain to industry, the Rev. Kenneth Jones, has been barred from talking to the 4,000 workers at the Dartford factory of Burroughs Wellcome and Company, manufacturing chemists.

"We don't want parsons poking their noses in," said an executive of the firm yesterday. "They should be doing the work of the Church in its proper place. Personnel officers can deal with any spiritual problems."

Pipe-smoking Mr Jones regularly visits 18 Kent factories employing 6,000 workers. He talks to them at the benches, discussing spiritual, marriage, or health problems—or, as he says, "just chatting." They call him "Padre."

'It Is Policy'

"It is not that I have been rebuffed," he said yesterday. "They have been very friendly."

The firm's personnel manager, Mr H. Mendelson, said: "We have contributed to the chaplain's funds. We are not hostile to the aims of the bishop's chaplain. But we could not admit an Anglican chaplain without admitting representatives of other faiths. And then production might suffer."

Mr Jones was appointed a year ago by the bishop, Dr Christopher Chavasse, for three years as an experiment.

He began with regular visits to workers. This year he wants to "attend factory meetings on policy as an observer and start 'prayer hour' talks in the factories."

Next year he plans to appoint lay assistants and hold services. "Managements have generally been very friendly, and so have the workers," he said.

Woman On Drug Charge

A 37-year-old woman, Chan So-pang, of 21 Eighth Street, New Village, Homanlin, was charged with possession of 274 lbs of opium this morning before Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at the Kowloon District Court.

Pleading not guilty to the offence which is alleged to have been committed on January 13, Chan's case will be heard on March 18.

Ian Crouch Inquiry Opens

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Accordingly the keel was laid in June, 1956, and the launching took place on March 31, 1957.

Mr Li said that the first inclining test was taken on March 3, 1958, and speed trials were made the first time on May 8, 1958, and the second on May 15, all in the presence of Mr Craig who was also the owners' representative, and the draftsman for the plans of the vessel, the Master Capt. Berry and the engineer Mr Thiele.

Two Cranes

All the materials supplied in the construction of the ship were certified materials. The ship left the Choy Lee Shipyard on July 23, 1958. The vessel was by then a complete ship, a three-masted schooner with a propelling engine of 400 h.p. and fully equipped with life saving appliances, fire fighting apparatus and radio equipment. The pumping arrangement was also tested and at the time of the acceptance of the vessel when she was taken out of the shipyard, the owners' representative was satisfied to take her over without a final trial run. After the vessel was taken out of the shipyard she was put in the hands of another shipbuilding firm in Hongkong, the Pacific Islands Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. This company was asked to fit two cranes on board and three cat heads and some other minor jobs. Mr Taylor of that company would give evidence as to the final inclining test for the stability of the vessel on September 25, 1958, the day she actually sailed and left the colony. Mr Taylor accompanied the ship out of the harbour past the Lyemua Pass before he returned. He would also give evidence as to a conversation he had had with the Master at the time regarding the sails and the general impression of what he observed as to the competency and efficiency of the crew.

Regarding the preparation of the ship for the voyage, Mr Li said that at the outset in 1958 it was Mr Crouch's intention to have the ship delivered under a temporary lease to Port Adelaide, Australia, so that the ship would be properly registered in Port Adelaide. As a result certain certificates for the voyage would be necessary. First of all a temporary run was issued under section 23 of the Merchants Shipping Act, 1904, and although the ship was not registered in Hongkong, once that pass was granted the ship was deemed to be registered in Hongkong.

Life Saving

For this task a tonnage measurement was made and a temporary loadline certificate was necessary and for that matter a survey had to be made as to the life saving equipment, fire fighting appliances and radio equipment.

As far as the equipment was concerned, the ship was well equipped before she left port, and was properly adjusted and as a result of the radio surveyor's suggestion an extra portable life boat radio was installed and proper charts were obtained from Eukeros as well as other requirements.

Mr Li said that he was coming back to the question of survey because the vessel would be a material witness. Mr Alan Rawson, Marine Officer, who surveyed the ship not only for the purpose of a temporary pass whereby the tonnage measurement was essential, but he also carried out a survey as to life saving appliances. During one of the tests he also asked the owners' representative to prepare calculations as to the ship's stability after the fitting of the cranes and the extra trimmings for the information of the Master for the voyage. On one particular visit which he made on August 12, 1958, when he went over to the shipyard to survey the ship on life saving appliances, he made a request to the owners' representative as to the calculation for an inclining test and the ship's stability, and subsequently to that on one of his regular visits he noticed the vessel keeled to the starboard. He suspected the vessel was in a jolting position.

Competency

Mr Rawson satisfied himself in his subsequent visits that this position of the vessel was due to some water having accumulated in the holds and in the engine room, and that the centre girder was not water-tight whereby he made suggestions to the Master as to ways of remedy, and for rearrangement of the pipes and hoses of the water pump. On his next visit on September 25 the water was pumped out and the ship was upright and as a result of that inclining test he found the stability of the ship was quite satisfactory. As a result the loadline certificate was issued for that as a steamship.

Mr Li said that in the meantime articles of agreement were signed between the Master and the crew in the presence of another Marine Officer, Mr Ellis. He would give evidence as to the names of the Master and the crew on board and particulars of their respective certificates of competency, and also to say that the Master was not only qualified as a Master for a steamship but was also qualified as a Master of a sailing ship.

Coming to the morning of September 26, 1958, Mr Li said that the Master and the owners' representative and the engineer went to see Mr Collins, the Assistant Director of Marine, and signed the conditions for clearance of the vessel out of port. They also had a conversation regarding the sails and the route the vessel intended to take.

The Last

Mr Li said that when the ship left there was adequate provision of fuel, food and water on board for a non-stop voyage from Hongkong to Port Adelaide.

The ship left port on the afternoon of September 26, 1958, and passed through Waglan Lighthouse at about 5.30 p.m. At the time when she left there was no indication of her meeting any bad weather. After she left, there was one radio message from the Ian Crouch and that was about 8.55 a.m. on September 27, 1958. That message gave the position of the vessel as 95 miles south-east of Hongkong, the weather was fair and clear and all was well.

That unfortunately, said Mr Li, was the first, last and only message received from the Ian Crouch.

He said that although unknown to the vessel at the time she left, a subsequent weather report stated that there would be a local storm, quite distinct from Typhoon Ada that was then gathering in the Pacific, which would be in the area of the course the vessel was taking. That storm, he was instructed, was not of such force to turn the vessel over under normal conditions.

When the Ian Crouch was silent in the first week or two there was no cause for undue alarm because having regard to her size, she was very much subject to weather conditions which might force her to alter course or take shelter, and the radio equipment which was of limited range might not be able to get in touch with other ports on her voyage to Australia.

Mr Li said that he was instructed that the Master of the vessel was instructed to report his positions daily to the owners or for the messages to be transmitted to them, but so far as he could ascertain no arrangement was made by the Master with anyone for the messages to be sent daily.

By October 23 which was nearly a month after the vessel had sailed the owners "started the ball rolling" because he was anxious, not unduly, but to find out the whereabouts of the ship, and various inquiries to various ports along the route of the vessel were made, with the intention of finding out her approximate whereabouts.

Failing to obtain news of the ship the owners turned to Captain Bull, the Director of Navigation of Australia, in Melbourne for his assistance. At once steps were taken as early as November when radio messages were sent by the Australian Navy in Manila to contact the ship. Other inquiries were also directed through diplomatic channels as to the possibility of the vessel being seized by a foreign power. But as this was not so, that possibility could not properly be eliminated, said Mr Li.

The Search

On November 6, Royal Australian Force searched the east coast of Australia, between Richmond and Townsville and as a result of a radio message from Port Walls Bay, a further search was made in the area of Grafton Passage. "In fact, one might say practically the whole of the eastern coast where the ship's route might be was combed and searched by aircraft."

Search was also conducted by ships and radio stations in Australia, as well as shipping in the areas of the Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore to keep a lookout for this vessel. All these efforts were without success, Mr Li said.

Hearing is continuing.

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Madras, Feb. 1. The Duke of Edinburgh was driven 37 miles from Madras to the beautiful beach at Mahabalipuram today but could not have a swim.

He sipped a cool drink in the shade of palm trees, and with a wistful eye on the surf breakers rolling in from the blue-green Indian Ocean and said: "I would have loved to swim—if I were not surrounded by an army of people."

There were 14 carloads of officials, police, newspaper correspondents and photographers with him, as well as local peasants and sightseers. But apart from the crowd, and his time schedule (he had to be back in Madras for lunch), there were also the sharks whose dorsal fins could be seen slicing through the water in the area today.

Flow Comet

Earlier, the Duke had visited the sculptured rock temples at Mahabalipuram, where he saw huge elephants and bas-reliefs, carved in granite boulders near the shore 700 years ago.

After having lunch with Raja Muthiah Chettiar, pro-chancellor of Annamalai University, the Duke left by helicopter for Bangalore.

He was cheered by a crowd at the airport as he went straight to the cockpit of the Heron.

Yesterday, while flying here from Bombay, the Duke took over the controls of a Comet IV aircraft for the first time.—Reuter.

Wife Troubles

Meridian, Miss. Feb. 1. William Clay, 32, is in hospital today in a serious condition with gashes from a whiskey bottle inflicted by his former wife and a stab wound in the neck inflicted earlier by his current spouse.—U.P.I.

Group Says Ban Tests, Risk Cheating

Washington, Feb. 1. Twenty-two prominent scientists, clergymen, editors and business and labour leaders called on the United States, Russia and Britain today to ban atomic tests even if there is a risk of cheating.

In identical letters to President Eisenhower, the Russian Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, and the British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, the group said, "there are elements of risk in any agreement."

"But," they said, "the risks of continuing the arms race indefinitely are even greater."

They said a recent disclosure that countries might be able to cheat on a nuclear test ban by setting off blasts underground should "not deflect the governments from their stated desire to secure an agreement to end all nuclear weapons tests."

Jeopardy

"Nations which can mobilize scientific talent and resources to develop the H-bomb and intercontinental missiles," the letters said, "ought to be able to devise a workable inspection system to satisfy all reasonable requirements."

The group urged the three leaders "to exert vigorous, constructive and constant leadership to find a way to end the arms race which is placing the future of all mankind in jeopardy and diverting much energy and resources away from tasks of promoting human welfare."

SNAKES ALIVE!

Calcutta, Feb. 1. The conductor of a bus arriving at the Narkeldanga terminus, got the shock of his life today when he lifted the lid from one of two baskets left behind by a forgetful passenger, and found himself staring into a pair of beady eyes.

A moment later, joined by the bus driver, he was dashing for the door, shouting "the basket is full of cobras."

Later, a group of conductors and drivers armed with wooden poles and iron bars cautiously re-entered the bus, put the lid back on the basket and took both baskets to the State Transport Headquarters.

Tomorrow the zoo will receive an unexpected present.

It was believed that the baskets contained more than 12 cobras—the transport employees did not stop to count them.—France-Press.

The Irish Beat Columbus

London, Feb. 2. Commander Alan Villiers, who skippered Mayflower II on her voyage to America in 1957, met a young London historian last week to give him advice on a plan to sail the Atlantic in a tiny boat of the type used in the Dark Ages.

The historian, 35-year-old Geoffrey Ashe, believes the voyage would help answer the question: Did the Irish discover America nearly a thousand years before Columbus?

Mr. Ashe, a lecturer in management studies at the London Polytechnic, is respected among historians for his research into ancient mysteries. His book on King Arthur has been widely acclaimed.

Commander Villiers said yesterday: "Ashe has an interesting theory. We know that the Irish got to Iceland, but we don't know for sure whether they put any further. I am now looking into the possibility of the voyage and the type of ship that might be used."

Mr. Ashe said: "It is not a question of proving that the voyage can be done. The



Alan Villiers
"Interesting Theory"

Atlantic has been crossed many times in boats as small as those used in the Dark Ages.

"What I want to prove is that if you sail from Ireland in a boat of that type—it could only go before the wind—you will finish up in Newfoundland 40 days later."

Turned South

"According to legend, this is just what appears to have been done about the year 500 by the Irish monk St. Brendan. He then seems to have turned south to the Bahamas, the Caribbean, and Florida. But it would not be necessary for us to make the whole voyage."

He believes that St. Brendan journeyed in a

square-sailed craft something like a certain type of Cornish fishing boat still in use. He visualises converting one of these boats rather than building a new one.

Legend says that St. Brendan saw fog, icebergs, and walruses. "If we see some of the things described by him, it would help still further to prove that the legend was based on fact," says Mr. Ashe.

He claims there is other evidence to support his theory.

"There are references in two Viking sagas to Irish colonies in America. Various American races had legends of white gods based on men with long robes and beards, presumably monks."

Small Towers

In Newfoundland excavations have unearthed stone buildings which might be the cells of Irish monks.

In New England there are small, windowless towers resembling early Irish structures. In Mexico there are reports of similar towers. One Mexican archaeologist claims to have found pottery with Celtic crosses.

In Peru ruins of buildings in the Irish style and a stone circle like Stonehenge are still unexplained.

And Mr. Ashe, "Irish on my father's side," says: "In one Irish monastery I have seen ancient stone faces which resemble Red Indians."

Day To Remember

Sacramento, Feb. 1. California's new Governor Edmund G. Brown solemnly signed his first bill as the state's chief executive yesterday.

It was a moment he will remember. The pen point broke and splattered ink all over the page.—U.P.I.

Russian Industrial Forecast Branded Ridiculous

Washington, Feb. 1. The National Planning Association today branded "preposterous" Soviet predictions that Russia's per capita industrial output will top the United States by 1970.

It said a reasonably full employment growth rate will keep the United States comfortably ahead for the next 15 years.

But, it cautioned, not all the economic projections outlined by the Soviet Premier Mr. Khrushchev, are "outlandish."

"The Soviet blueprint calls for sober reflection, not for outright disbelief or undue anxiety," said a report written by Joel Darmstadter, research associate for NPA's project on the economies of competitive co-existence.

Noting that "not all statistical disclosures are to the Soviet's disadvantage," the report said the seven-year plan laid before the 21st party congress appears to contain "far less exaggeration" than Soviet claims prior to 1950.

The Soviet Union, it said, could match the US total output only on the assumption that the United States fails to grow itself.

Obstacles

"It is evident from ambiguities in the Soviet wording that in this part of the forecast, economics bowed to propaganda."

The report also argued that Russia's past performance is an "unreliable indicator of future potential." It said Russia faces some formidable obstacles in the next few years.

The obstacles listed were: a growing scarcity of labour which will put increased reliance on productivity increases; the fact that Russia's abundant natural resources are remote and require large capital investments and time for efficient utilisation; and Soviet agriculture—"still a fairly weak link in the Soviet productive chain."—U.P.I.



Arriving home recently from New York, where he was concerned with UNO and the Cyprus problem, Archbishop Makarios is greeted at the airport by Cypriot girls and men dressed in their local costumes. At right is Bishop Kyriakos of Kyrenia, in Cyprus.—U.P.I. Photo.

Eleven Hamlets Drink A Toast

London, Feb. 1. Eleven stage Hamlets—including a woman aged 84—stood up and toasted one another in London's Saville Theatre tonight.

They were guests of honour at a dinner to mark the opening of a Hamlet exhibition in the theatre in aid of the building appeal of the British Theatre Museum Association.

Invitations had gone out to 20 actors and the one actress still living who have played the part in London's West End or at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

Feb. however, including Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir Donald Wolfit, Sir Alec Guinness and Sir John Gielgud, were unable to attend.

The only woman to play Hamlet since Sarah Bernhardt, Miss Esme Berling, recalled that she played the role at the age of 83 at the Arts Theatre.

Letters

"I knew I could never be happy until I had played it," she said.

Mr Ian Kyle Fletcher, one of the Hamlets, announced that the Henry Irving Archives had been anonymously purchased and presented to the museum.

They included letters and documents preserved by Sir Henry Irving, with four prompt books marked by him, the accounts books of the Lyceum under his management, drafts of letters to Bernard Shaw, the sword he used as King Arthur, Macbeth, Mephistopheles and Hamlet—in all, about 4,000 items.

There were also letters in the collection from Browning, Lord Tennyson, Whistler, Oscar Wilde, Burne Jones, Gladstone and Horatio Bottomley.—Reuter.

The Lance Corporal Had The Best Legs

London, Feb. 2. The poster proclaimed a fascinating "legs" contest and Lance Corporal William Nimmo noted that it did not specify feminine legs.

So the Lance Corporal, stationed at Didcot with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, went to nearby East Hagbourne to enter the weekend contest.

Seven pairs of shapely legs with skirts held high sauntered across the stage—and a meter registered the applause with scientific precision.

Then the Lance Corporal, the last surprise entrant, bared his legs and crossed the stage.

Girls Fumed

The audience clapped frantically—but loudly enough to register scores on the meter than any of the girls.

The contest committee, watching the fuming girls, went into conference and decided the evidence of the meter had to stand.

So today the Lance Corporal was back in camp with his prize—an expensive electric razor.—Reuter.

Ancient Chinese Town Discovered

Peking, Feb. 2. Archaeologists have discovered near Peking relics of an ancient Chinese town dating back to the time of the Chin and Han Imperial Dynasties which ruled China from 221 B.C. to 220 A.D.

Historical records showed that there had been a town in the area but previous attempts to locate it had been unsuccessful, the Peking newspaper, the Kwangming Daily, reported.

Recently archaeologists noticed that villagers had dug up fragments of ancient earthenware and coins at a brick-kiln.

Mr Mikoyan Liked U.S.

"AMERICANS WANT TO KNOW ABOUT RUSSIA"



MR MIKOYAN
"Americans are friendly"

Moscow, Feb. 1. First Deputy Soviet Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan yesterday gave the Russians a better image of the United States than they have ever received in the post-war period from a high Russian leader.

In addition to telling them the Americans are friendly and hospitable—which they have heard from many returning tourists—Mr Mikoyan said the people of the United States really want to understand the Soviet Union and are attentive and receptive to explanations from Soviet visitors.

He also stressed that Russians have often expressed their doubts about—the citizens of the world's leading capitalist country, including big industrialists, realists, what a catastrophe nuclear world war would be and no longer cherish the illusion that war helps business.

Peace Hopes

The First Deputy Premier's address, made before the 21st Party Congress yesterday, was directed not only to the more than 1,200 delegates but also to

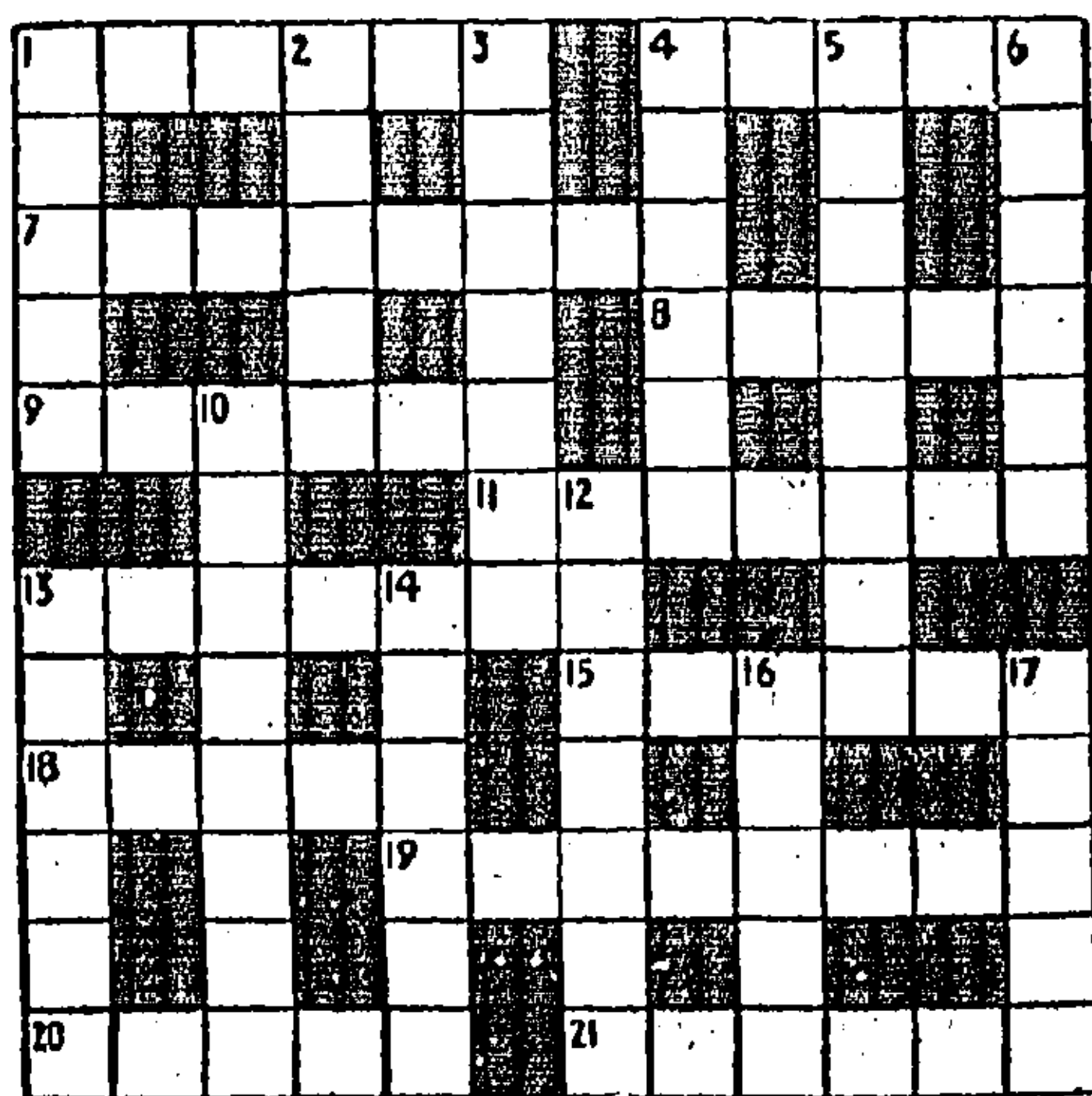
Communist leaders from 70 countries at the Congress and some 200,000,000 Russians following the Congress in the Press.

Although he said nothing about the high U.S. standard of living and the aura of prosperity now prevailing there, Mr Mikoyan devoted considerable attention to how

Americans think and feel—the Soviet people know least about.

The overall optimism he expressed on the prospects for peace and improvement of Soviet-American relations cannot have failed to make a deep impression upon all who heard or read his speech, published in today's Press.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 An old story (10). | 1 Words of a song (5). |
| 2 Canine noise (5). | 2 Boredom (5). |
| 3 It's measured in inches (8). | 3 In which no fish live? (4, 3). |
| 4 Sensational (5). | 4 All Frenchified (8). |
| 5 Initiates a famous painter in the Civil Service (6). | 5 Too fastidious (8). |
| 6 Engraving with acid (7). | 6 Suitable animal for a greyhound track? (8). |
| 7 Abolition from (7). | 7 Where the wine talked? (4, 4). |
| 8 Regulation for supplies (10). | 8 Pressing necessity for a member of a shooting party (7). |
| 9 Catch with a rope (5). | 9 Earthenware (6). |
| 10 Dog I put on the roll as a fighter (8). | 10 Makes tracks for, Greta? (6). |
| 11 Don't be taken for them! (5). | 11 Guys' mates (5). |
| 12 Eaten for breakfast only by the more hasty? (6). | 12 He should be, instructive (6). |

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scot, 4 Cardiac, 5 Ebon, 6 Dram, 10 Undone, 11 Phru, 12 Heel, 13 Tapered, 17 Elder, 19 A-Soot, 22 Rut-land, 26 Levy, 27 Tape, 28 Riv-er, 29 Earn, 30 Napp, 31 In-vests 32 Shot, Down: 2 Cartel, 3 Temple, 4 Court, 5 Annual, 6 Dr-ono, 7 Almie, 12 Hair, 13 Edit, 15 Rice, 16 Duty, 18 Intent, 20 Sleeps, 21 Overdo, 23 Union, 24 Liege, 25 Dates.

Reporting For Duty



The Queen's Canadian Wren, Petty Officer Rosalene Acker, reporting for duty at Buckingham Palace last week. She is on the staff of another Canadian at the Palace, Mr. Edmund Butler, the Press Officer.—Central Press Photo.

The Shah loses his bid for the Princess

PARIS NEWS LETTER by SAM WHITE

FROM a member of the Italian Royal Family, now in Paris, I learn that the Shah of Persia's courtship of ex-King Umberto's youngest daughter, the exceptionally beautiful 19-year-old Princess Maria Gabriella, has failed.

The family are unfavourably impressed by what appears to them to be a great lack of delicacy on the part of the Shah.

Furthermore, there are almost insuperable religious obstacles to the marriage.

The matter has been under close consideration by the

Pope and he has now finally advised against the marriage. It is now four months since the Shah indirectly approached Umberto to ask him for his daughter's hand. His proposal was coldly received.

Undeterred, the Shah then directly approached the ex-

Queen of Italy who lives apart

from Umberto in Switzerland, and the Princess herself. His proposal was more amply received by the ex-Queen.

For the Church the question is simply this: Would the Shah be prepared to guarantee that any heir to such a marriage would be brought up as a Catholic. Even if such an undertaking were given, the Vatican would have to take into consideration the political risk such a decision would involve for

him.

The rejection of the Shah's proposal has caused great disappointment to Italian oil interests.

ROUND-UP

BIG ORDERS FOR CANNON BALLS

FOLLOWING the purchase by American armaments of old English cannon balls as souvenirs at 5s. each from the Sea Scouts at Portsmouth, Hampshire, orders have been flooding in for them. The Sea Scouts found the cannon balls in Portsmouth Creek, once a naval practice firing range. Order No. 2 was from Bermuda for 300 cannon balls to place about St Katherine's Fort for tourists. Now people all over Britain want to buy them. They are being sold to raise funds for the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund. Said Commander Anthony Coburn, the scoutmaster: "The demand is so brisk that we are going to be hard put to find enough in the time to go round. Most people want the cannon balls as ornaments. Many will be put on top of gateposts."

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

AMBITION of the Green Howards—now in the new Yorkshire Brigade—is to establish itself at full strength on an all-regular basis by 1961 when National Service may end. Target for the next two years in an all-out recruiting campaign is 300 enlistments. Part of the publicity will be a musical programme, shared with the Durham Light Infantry and the Northumberland Fusiliers, to be broadcast each Thursday evening by the Tyne Tees Television service. A tape recorder has been presented to the Green Howards by the television company on which members of the regiment can record their requests.

SALMON FUND

SALMON net fishermen at Stoke Gabriel, Devon, have decided to oppose the Torquay Water Bill which, they say, will affect salmon fishing in the river Dart. Each fisherman is to give one salmon during the coming season to be sold to raise funds, to meet legal costs.

SCOTTISH ISLAND

BARRA, the original "Whisky Galore" island off the Hebrides, is up for sale. Owner is MacNeil of Barra, the 68-year-old clan chief who is 45th of the line. He lives in Vermont, U.S., but spends his summers rebuilding his ancestral home, Kilmuir Castle. Price for 9,000 acres of rough shoot, and grazing, with trout fishing thrown in, is £10,000.

CLIVE'S ALBUM AUCTIONED

AN album of exquisite Moghul miniatures presented to Clive of India by the Nawab of Duth has been sold at Sotheby's, London, for £1,000. The album was among a number of Moghul and other Indian works of art sent for sale by the Earl of Powls, who is a collateral descendant of Clive. Clive was presented with the album after his final term of office. It contains 36 miniatures, painted in Lucknow about 1705.

QUOTES

★ Playwright Marcel Achard: "When a woman finds no one believes her she is apt to lose even the desire to tell the truth."

★ Writer Blaise Cendrars: "I might go and live in Switzerland permanently. I have always dreamed of a country where the mountains are higher than the taxes."

★ Painter Van Dongen: "Artists don't have any successes with pretty girls any more. They have been replaced in the hearts of those young ladies by cameramen from the fashion magazines."

★ General de Gaulle to the new head of French TV: "Your new post will impose a great deal of work on you. But I hope you won't be too busy to see an occasional TV programme."

give up the chateau when he ceased to be Ambassador. After that, they even more confidently expected that Lady Diana would allow the property to revert to the institute.

Instead Lady Diana continued to live there and often made the chateau available to friends during her frequent long absences from France.

Two years ago the institute lost patience and sent Lady Diana a curt three-line notice to quit.

Powerful friends, including the present British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, intervened on Lady Diana's behalf.

As a result, Lady Diana was asked to sign a new agreement. Recently a new complication was introduced into this unhappy relationship.

As a result of an act of clemency by General de Gaulle, when he became President of the Republic, the veteran Algerian Nationalist leader, Messali Hadj, was freed from exile on an island off the Brittany coast and allowed to live on the mainland.

He chose Chantilly as his place of residence and a suite of rooms in a hotel in the town was rented for him by the French Government.

The Government do not intend to go on paying for a hotel suite indefinitely and the problem has arisen of finding an alternative residence.

The first shot in what looks like a carefully orchestrated campaign to persuade Lady Diana to leave the chateau was fired last week by Paris's most dignified newspaper, Le Figaro.

Pompidou, an elegant, almost Proustian character, is a remarkable man.

He was a professor of literature and a noted essayist before he joined the Rothschild banking organisation.

He has now resigned his post as de Gaulle's principal assistant and returned to banking.

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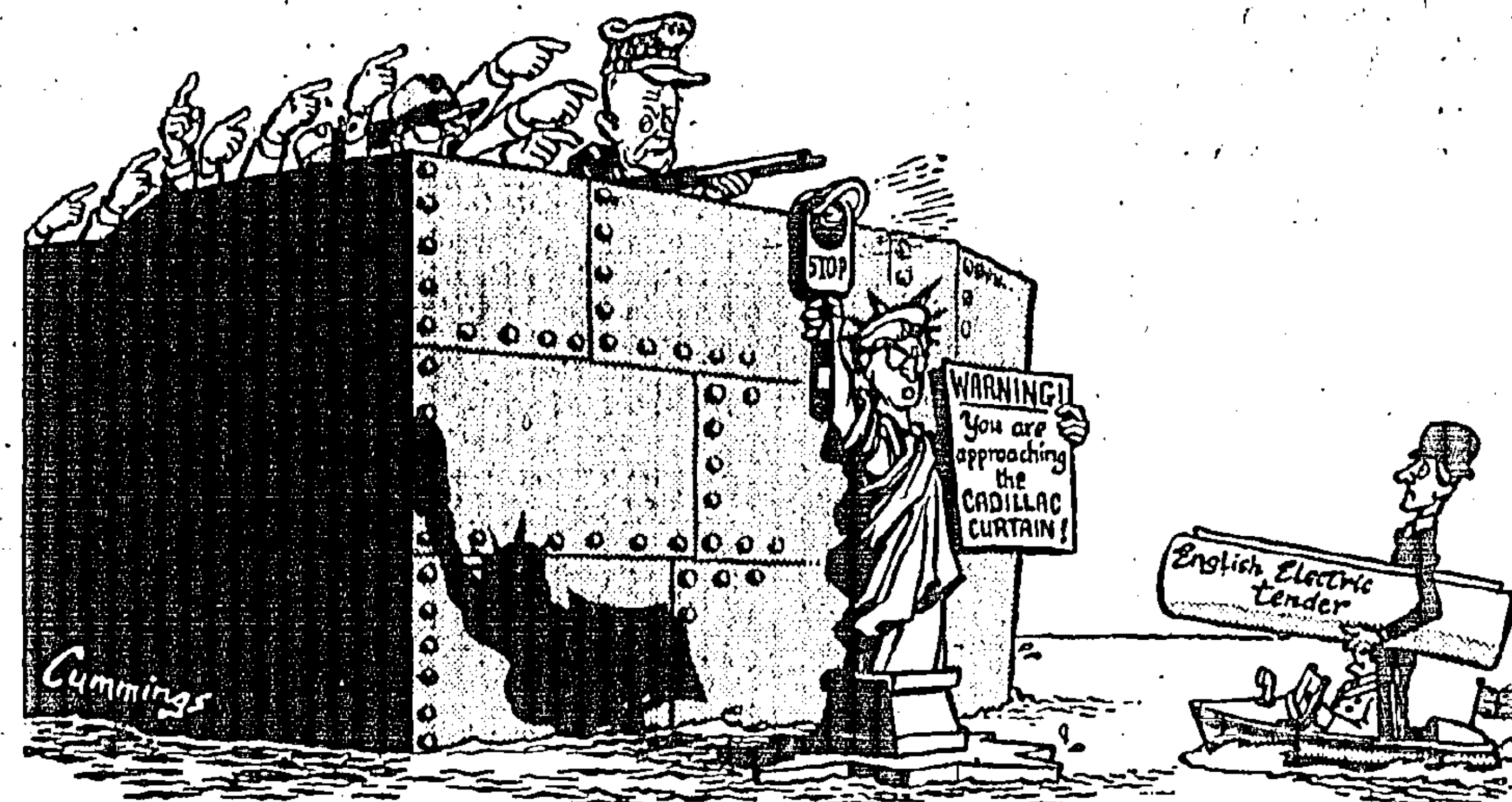
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Let's get tough with America



"And remember, General, don't shoot till you see the whites of their tendons!"

London Express Service.

BY THE RT. HON.

HAROLD WILSON

Socialist M.P. for Hutton, Lancs., President of the Board of Trade from 1947 to 1951.

TRADING with the Americans is like trying to play a game of football with a team which insists on boarding up its goal-mouth before the kick-off.

That is what many of us must have felt recently on reading the news of the shabby treatment meted out by the U.S. Government to the English Electric Company.

Let me be frank. This kind of decision calls in question the whole issue of the trading partnership between our two countries, and accords ill with the unctuous protestations of friendship and "interdependence" which are issued with such tedious regularity whenever British and American statesmen meet in solemn conclave.

Set to work

The facts are beyond dispute. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is building a dam and reservoir at Greer's Ferry in Arkansas.

Tenders were invited for two turbines, and the English Electric Company submitted a bid of \$517,000, nearly 20 per cent below the lowest tender of any American rival.

There in free enterprise America, the home of competition, the best man won, and he was British.

Then the rats got at it. The high-pressure business lobbies with which the

Washington scene is infested set to work with their backstairs influence, and the U.S. Office of Civilian Defence and Mobilisation announced that the contract would go, not to English Electric, but to the Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation of Philadelphia.

Their story

They put out a story that would not have deceived a ten-year-old. It was solemnly stated that the decision had been taken in the interests of "national security."

Well, might one ask, if security considerations were involved, why were foreign firms invited to tender in the first place? When Britain and the U.S. had just signed a much-trumpeted agreement to exchange atomic secrets, what possible security problems could arise in damming a river?

Washington's answer was even more naive. The favoured company apparently had in their service a number of "Jumbo" machine tools, and if they were not fully used they might not be there when wanted, in time of emergency.

This pathetic story of these large machine tools sitting there, eating their hearts out, miserable and unwanted, has been shown up by this week's revelation that British orders, from nationalised industry and private enterprise alike, have provided the Baldwin-Lima company with £8,000,000 worth of orders in the past four years,

16 times the value of the Arkansas contract. Well might Britain's Ambassador in Washington say of the "security" argument: "Tell that to the Marines; the sailors won't believe it."

If this were an isolated case, matters might be allowed to rest with the sharp verbal protests of British Ministers. But it is not an isolated case. It is one of many.

An even more glaring case is presently in the news.

The Decca Company has produced a new and highly effective electronic system for guiding air and ocean liners through congested and dangerous channels.

So unfair

It is not only vastly cheaper than the rival American system: British and American pilots are united in saying that it is safer, and can mean much more efficient use of overcrowded air space.

Lives, as well as profits, are at stake, yet the U.S. Government is bringing every kind of unfair pressure to force airlines and shipping concerns to adopt American devices.

One American system has been forced on Nato countries for defence purposes, in the hope of extending it to civil aviation and shipping. Another system, in which the U.S. Government has invested heavily, is being forced on airlines with the threat that aircraft not equipped with it will be refused permission to land at New York airport.

More to it

Ugly rumours are circulating that improper pressures are being put on airlines which will be meeting at Montreal next month to decide on an international system.

When Mr Mikoyan visited the State Department, he said that trade between East and West was being strangled by the Americans' cold war mentality.

This is certainly true, but it is not the whole story. There is too a section of American officialdom, under strong business pressure, carrying on an economic cold war against Britain and America's other allies.

This cold war threatens both the nation's economic strength and the jobs of British workers. The world cannot go on buying from America if our goods cannot be shipped there.

Do not let us be lulled by the success of our motor-car exporters; once Detroit tools up for a small European-type car, the going will be much harder. The world's dollar problem cannot be solved unless America practices what she preaches and dismantles some of her least defensible trade barriers.

This, too, needs to be said. At a time when jobs are harder to get and to hold, American action such as that directed against English Electric and Decca is going to arouse widespread resentment.

Many English Electric workers are constituents of mine. Washington should realise that these people have a security problem too; it is an economic one, involving the security of their jobs and the earnings they take home.

Pilloried

Already in the past few months Britain has lost valuable Russian orders because of the attitudes pilloried by Mr Mikoyan.

Orders of up to £150 million for plant and machinery for the chemical and plastics industries were lost to us last year because they all depended to a greater or lesser extent on American patent rights and royalty agreements, and the American firms concerned, under State Department pressure, refused to allow the order to be placed. Yet when some of our industrialists turn westward to the American market they find themselves open to the kind of bang I have described.

Since the war American statesmen have preached the virtues of free trade to a somewhat suspicious Western world.

The position of economic power they gained as a result of the war enabled them to dictate trading policies which, until the coming of Marshall Aid, brought economic disaster on the countries which adopted them.

Resistance

They tried to force the end of Imperial Preference—but, fortunately met strong resistance from both Socialist and Tory Governments. Today they are rooting for the European Common Market and the Free Trade Area.

We are under strong pressure to allow more American goods into Britain. Many M.P.s—of both parties—feel we have already gone too far and too fast in removing dollar import controls. From 1954 to 1957 imports from the dollar area increased by 42 per cent, while those from Sterling Area Commonwealth countries remained stationary. Last autumn's easing of American machinery imports has been followed by the English Electric scandal.

Not enough

I welcome the strong protests of her Majesty's Ministers.

But words are not enough. The interests of this country demand a strengthening of our trade with the Commonwealth and the reversal of our growing dependence on the United States.

But this is not all. If friendship and partnership, and "interdependence" mean anything they mean the right to speak frankly when the underlying purposes of our partnership are endangered.

Our American friends have never been backward in speaking out when they claimed to find cause for complaint about our actions.

We should be equally frank now, and make it clear to those across the Atlantic who preach the virtues of free trade that action of the type that has become all too common in Washington's trading departments can only lead to diminished two-way trade, and to an exchange of mutual recriminations which, in the long run, can bring profit only to the Kremlin.

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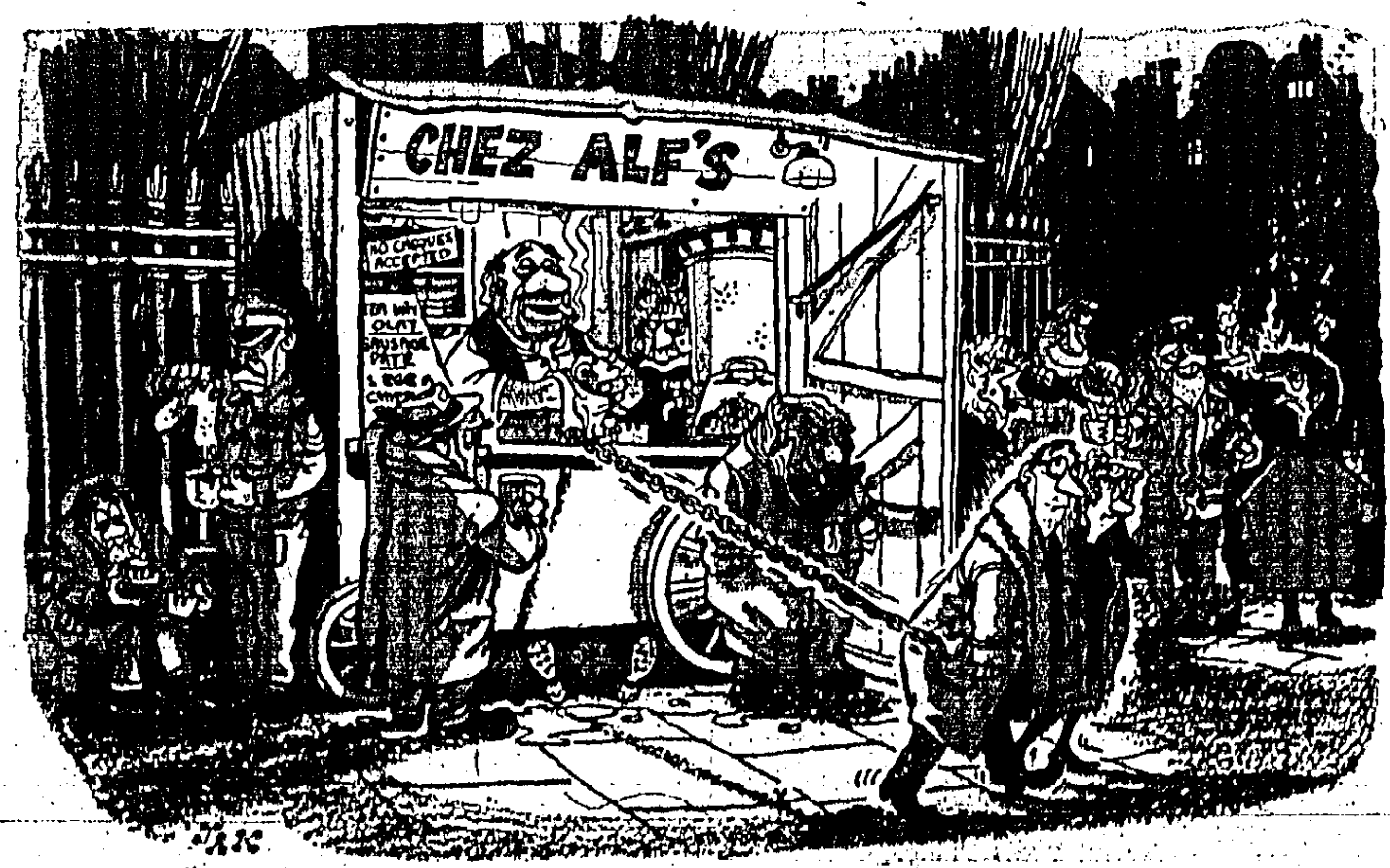
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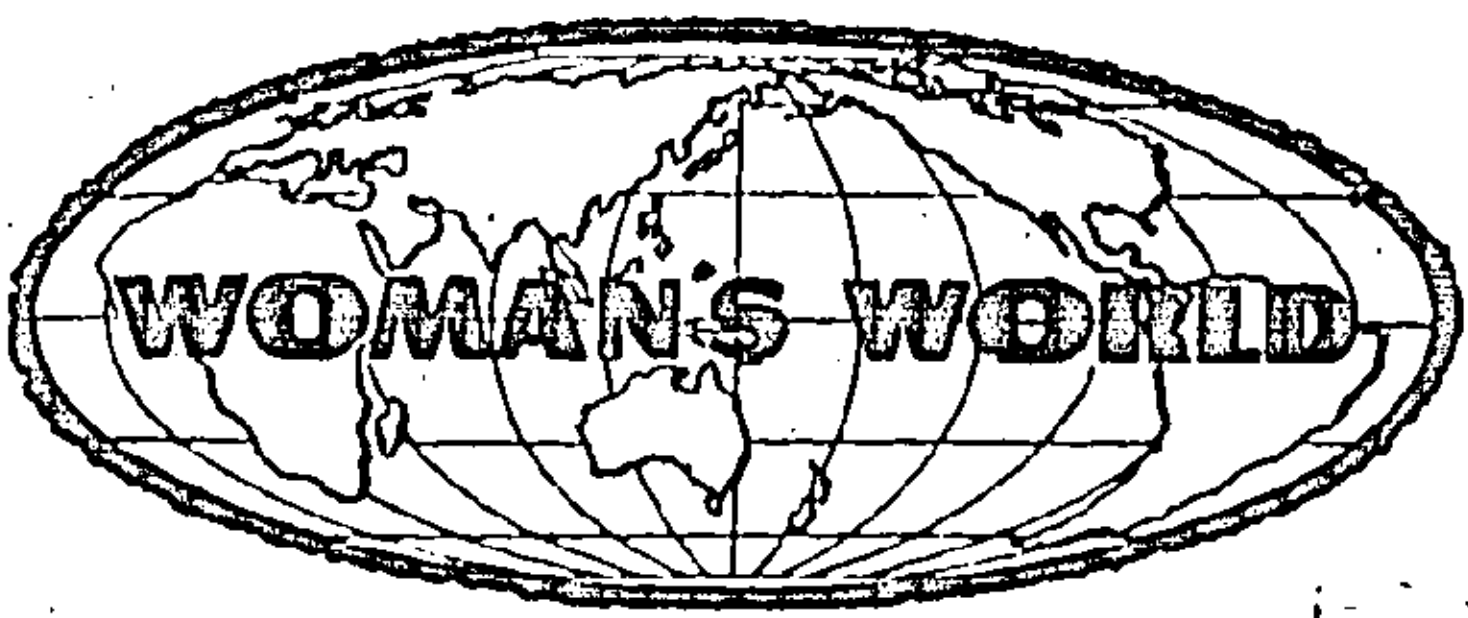
LATE NIGHT SNACK—BY JAK



"WOT'S UP, YER GRACE? STATE Y 'OME SHORT OF TEASPOONS?"

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE THAT MAGIC FLAIR



And Now—The Centre Court Wig

Tipped for an appearance on the tennis courts at Wimbledon this year—the sports-girl wig. It was shown for the first time this week at a fashion parade staged by the man who dresses the tennis stars, Teddy Turling.

Why wear a wig on the tennis court? Because, however hectic the game, it gives the player a perfectly-groomed hairdo, claim the designers.

The wig is light and comfortable, weighing only two ounces—less than Helen Wills' famous eye-shade. And the towelling headband that goes with it serves the practical purpose of mopping the player's perspiring brow!

Made from nylon, the sports-girl wig is an accessory that will appeal to the extroverts of the tennis court. They can appear with different coloured hair and a different colour each day—though if the wig should fall off during a game it would certainly cause more of a sensation than the wearer had bargained for!

I'll read a list of the ten most charming men in the world with enthusiasm and the ten most beautiful women with curiosity.

I'll consider lists of the rudest top men and the most infuriating, and I'll remain mellow.

But show me another list of the best dressed women in the world and I'll scream.

It is my one black list—but such is my addiction that I have to read it.

When the Americans produced their latest, I was prepared to mutter meanly about people who have the money to buy clothes in the right places. What do they know about the difficulties of fashion? etc.

A Challenge

I was prepared to convince myself, as usual, that all the women mentioned were there by courtesy of unlimited income.

This last list, however, annoyed me less than most and three names on it especially intrigued me for different reasons: Princess Margaret, Kay Kendall and Audrey Hepburn.

Princess Margaret earns her place, I think, because there is a challenge in fashion for her. To begin with, there is the little matter of protocol. She must look dignified. That she also manages to look young and pretty and gay is her special talent.

As a short woman, she cannot afford to let fashion be a dictator. Cleverly, she realises that there are things she may not wear—as I saw at a fashion parade when she was surrounded by the most elegant mannequins in the world.

The Princess was a good seven inches shorter than most of the Dior models, but she managed

to match their elegance and provide a lesson for small women everywhere, because:

She wore a fitted coat with a flared skirt which allowed her to have a waist line—and I am convinced that she women must have the luxury of a waist!

She wore her own adaptation of the wig hat, a small head-hugging cap of feathers (which proved that any clever woman can make fashion her own if she knows how to bend it).

The result was completely in line with fashion and completely individual. Without that combination there can be no true elegance.

Kay Kendall and Audrey Hepburn are welcome to their places because they strengthen my theory that the secret of many an elegant woman is her husband.

Kay Kendall and Audrey Hepburn are proof positive.

looks dramatic and beautiful, casual but never careless. Because:

She wears lovely chunky sweaters and straight skirts.

She wears slacks and shirts and three-quarter length topcoats—all the clothes which only a tall woman can carry.

Her best and most becoming accessory is the one she does not buy from the courtier: she looks happy and gay and she never conforms to fashion.

The motto is: Tall women are bound to be conspicuous; why not be worth looking at?

I am most happy that Kay Kendall is on that list.

Advice to any woman from Mr. John Harberger, one of the New York fashion experts who voted for Kay Kendall:

I admire Kay Kendall for taking her husband's advice on

phases the faults, doesn't try to be pretty—and suddenly she's beautiful.

Still investigating this best-dressed woman theme, I went to see Lea Pannavari, who is in London to star in "Rose Tattoo" with Sam Wanamaker.

One of Italy's fashion leaders, she gives men their due praise.

"Italian men expect a woman to be elegant," she said. "They like the women they escort to be conspicuous and flatter them by taking trouble with their own appearance."

All this talking of lists has inspired me, as I feared it would. I will now give you my own list of women who, unless they

change, will never be named among the best dressed anywhere.

Eva Bartok: Because of that hat, and because she never looks any different.

Viscountess Lewisham: Because she should be clever enough not to confuse prettiness with fussiness, but her dress sense doesn't prove it.

Katharine Hepburn: because of those man-tailored suits.

Dr. Edith Summerskill: Because of that hat, and because she never looks any different.

Any woman of any age, who wears a man-tailored sweater back to front with two inches of skirt showing beneath it.

It may be fashionable, but I still think it's grim.

My Own List

"You cannot economise on things like shoes, gloves and handbags. They must be good. But if you need dozens of colours, you would have to be a millionaire to maintain a reasonable standard of elegance and keep pace with fashion as well."

All this talking of lists has inspired me, as I feared it would. I will now give you my own list of women who, unless they

Barbara's Rule

I was a little disheartened by the thought of Miss Pannavari's fabulous wardrobe, until I went to see Barbara Graham, the most famous model of them all.

"I don't think those lists are really very helpful," she said.

"Given enough money and enough taste, you're bound to be elegant. It's when there isn't enough money that elegance becomes a personal challenge. I'd love to be able to afford courtier-designed clothes, but I can't—so I have to rely on my taste and fashion sense."

"What would be your advice to women who want to look more extravagant than their incomes?" I asked.

"Just this: Be careful with colour," said Barbara. "Too

many women crowd too many colours into their wardrobes. I usually stick to black, beige and white. That means that most of my accessories are interchangeable."

Household Hints

Add a little fat or oil to water when you cook spaghetti or macaroni. This keeps the water from boiling over.

For a taste treat next time baked apples are on the menu, fill the cores with cake crumbs mixed with chopped pecans, currants, and melted butter or margarine, using just enough to moisten crumbs.

Use small tins for baking apples and green peppers; helps keep their shape.

Hide Your Face

New York.

THE Oriental influence in spring hats accounts for a new trend—loss of face.

You can't see the woman for the hat is in over-sized coolie shapes with deep brims, Mandarin evening head-dresses swathed in veiling, and Siamese Princess crowns, dripping in flowers.

Brims are so large they hide the eyes when worn level on the head or dip to the shoulders when tilted back.

"This spring, a hat begins with a brim," said a spokesman for the Millinery Creators of America, a group of 17 leading designers.

The brim may be all there is to a hat, with the collar forming part of the over-all effect. One beaded brim has no crown, so the hair is pulled into a peak to form one.

Swagger hats have exaggerated crowns and brims. rollers come with upturned brims at least six inches wide, car-wheels and picture hats have enormous brims, and skimmers sport brims that are longer in front, worn well back on the hairline.

About the only hats with narrow brims are clothes, or turbans with just a tiny lift at the edge.

Whatever the shape, designers say the hats won't untidy the hair. They are lightweight to sit lightly on the head, and the wide brims allow for curls at the sides and the back.

Lock for lots of veils and long scarves which wrap around the neck. Mr. John showed high-crowned, deep-brimmed hats with harem veils which reach the shoulders.

One evening hat by Mr. Arnold had a veil bordered with flowers and falling to the neckline like a boa.

Straw is back—textured and soft for draping, or stiff for salons and rollers. Chiffon, veiling, and organza also are used widely—U.P.I.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

BORN today, you are the type of person who prefers giving, rather than taking, orders. You have an excellent energetic nature and must learn early in life to keep it well under control. Your talents are varied, and you probably have exceptional literary ability. Make use of this gift and you may become a tremendous influence upon your own times. Your talent for critical analysis is exceptional and you undoubtedly will utilize it in your own work, being a little too self-critical, if anything.

You are a fluent conversationalist. You often make promises

but are, at times, inclined to be too difficult to fulfill on time. It might be wiser for you to keep your own counsel until you can actually produce results.

Since you have a good head for business, it is probable that you will become comfortably wealthy during your lifetime. You know how to make your money go a long way and can be thrifty without appearing to "pinch pennies." You of the fair sex make fine managers of the house budget, and many of your friends wonder how you manage so well on so little. Even when you have plenty, you never use it all, putting something away for that proverbial "rainy day" which never seems to come.

Among those born on this date are: James Joyce and Samuel Richardson, authors; Fritz Kreisler, violinist and composer; Smith W. Brookhart, Iowa legislator and senator; George Loring Brown, landscape painter.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): You can get started on a new project now and be assured it will work out successfully.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Pursue local affairs; if your tactics are technically correct, you can win handsily.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): A good day to start out on a long journey, especially if reservations have been made in advance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Partnership affairs, both business and marital, are in excellent aspect just now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Marriage can bring you true happiness now. Anticipate a pleasant surprise, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): If you avoid putting any credit in false rumours which can cause undue unhappiness, it can be a good day.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Be frank and open in all you do now. Keeping your plans secret does no one any good!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Make a new professional contact which will benefit all your future plans for progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Deal with the boss now and you will find he is amenable to your suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): Make a real effort to straighten out any misunderstanding between close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Join your local organization in some worthwhile philanthropy. Help others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): Avoid letting a dispute turn into a serious argument today. Stay on the fence.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST opened the three of clubs and eventually the defence took two clubs, three hearts and two trump tricks. South was down 800 and he did not like it at all.

"I know it is Christmas," he said to North. "But the Christmas spirit can be carried just so far."

"I wasn't being the least bit Christmasy," replied North. "I know my raise was terrible, but I did get the opponents up to the three level and we would probably have made a profit on

NORTH 25	
♠ 732	
♥ J1064	
♦ KJ	
♣ K985	
EAST (D)	
♠ QJ95	
♥ KQ2	
♦ A2	
♣ A104	
SOUTH	
♠ AK1064	
♥ 985	
♦ A103	
♣ A2	
Both vulnerable	
East	South
1 ♠	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT
3 ♠	3 ♠
Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ J	

the hand if you had contented yourself with a pass. You know you had no reason to rebid."

North was right. His raise was terrible, but he did get away with it and as he pointed out the opponents were at three level. Three diamonds might make, but it would be no tragedy if it did and there was no play for any other nine-trick contract.

South had a sound overall, but nothing to cause bells to ring. Furthermore he had no singleton and lots of defence against the opposition. A pass was clearly in order and it was his three-spade bid that gave East and West their very Merry Christmas.

★CARD Sense★

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ 2 NT 3 ♠ Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A53 ♥ QJ5 ♦ KJ ♣ K94
What do you do?
A—Bid four spades. You only have three trumps but your hand is sound.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again West has overcalled your opening club bid with one heart. Your partner bids one spade and East passes. You, South, hold:
♠ A53 ♥ QJ5 ♦ KJ ♣ K94
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Norman is the sweetest thing! He's taking over the kitchen while I write my term paper on home management!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Knarf Looks At The Future

—He And Policeman Talk Over Various Jobs—

By MAX TRELL

AT the corner of the street, Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Tinted About Name, met his friend the Policeman.

"Good morning, Policeman," said Knarf.

"Good morning, Boy," said the Policeman.

"Is it fun being a Policeman?" asked Knarf.

Yes And No

"Sometimes it's fun," said the Policeman. "Sometimes it's not fun. Sometimes when it's raining, I get wet. Sometimes when the sun is shining, I get hot. But I like being a Policeman."

"When I grow up," said Knarf, "I might be a Policeman."

"That wouldn't be a bad idea," said the Policeman.

"Or I might be a fireman," said Knarf. "Firemen climb ladders."

"Policemen can climb ladders too," said the Policeman. "Last

week, I painted my house and I had to climb up lots of ladders." "Or I might be a postman," said Knarf. "If I were a postman I could deliver letters to people."

Real Ambition

"Well," said the Policeman. "It's a good idea being a postman but I ought to tell you that policemen can deliver letters too. Only yesterday I delivered a letter to my aunt who lives on the west side of the bridge. I can also mail letters."

Knarf agreed with the Policeman that other persons beside postmen could deliver letters.

Then he said, "But what I'd most like to be is a keeper in the zoo."

At this, the Policeman couldn't help looking surprised.

"A keeper in the zoo?" he asked.

Knarf repeated what he had just said.

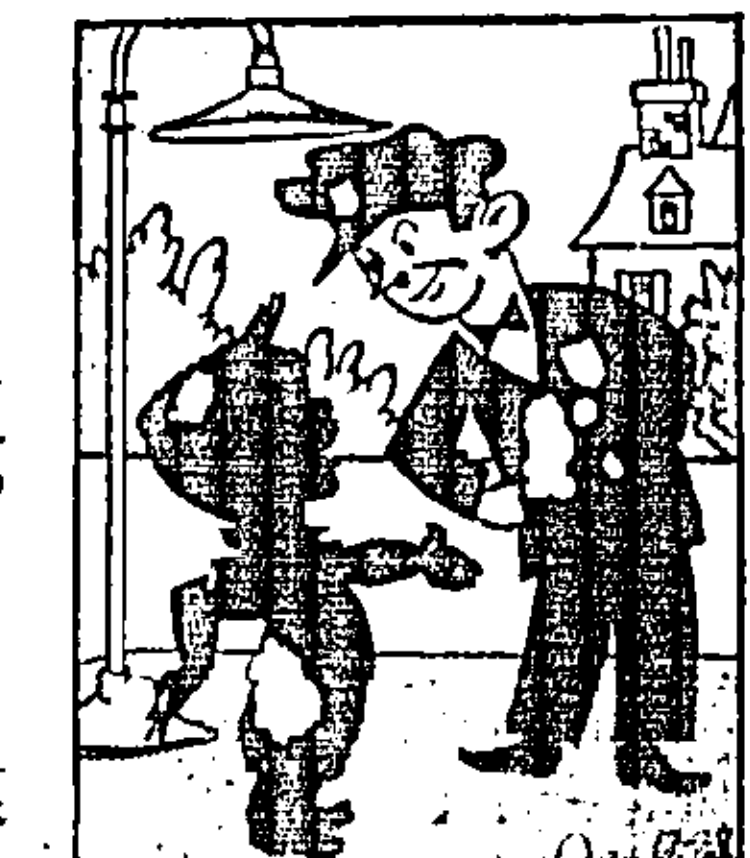
"I'd like to be in charge of the lions and the tigers and the monkeys and the giraffes and the seals. I'd feed them every morning. I'd take good care of them."

"You'd have to keep all the cages clean," said the Policeman.

Good Idea

"I wouldn't mind that," said Knarf. "I'd go into the lion's cage every morning with a broom and sweep it up. I'd mop the floor of the seal's cage. I'm sure none of the animals would hurt me if I went inside their cages."

"Oh, I'm quite sure they wouldn't lay a paw or a flipper



The Shadow Boy and his friend discuss Zoo keepers.

or a hoof on you," said the Policeman.

"I love animals," said Knarf. "So do I," said the Policeman.

"I've got a wonderful idea," said Knarf. "When I grow up and when you get tired of being a Policeman, let's both of us go to the zoo and become keepers."

"I'll think about it," said the Policeman.

"I think it's time for me to go home," said Knarf. "I've got to feed my cat and dog."

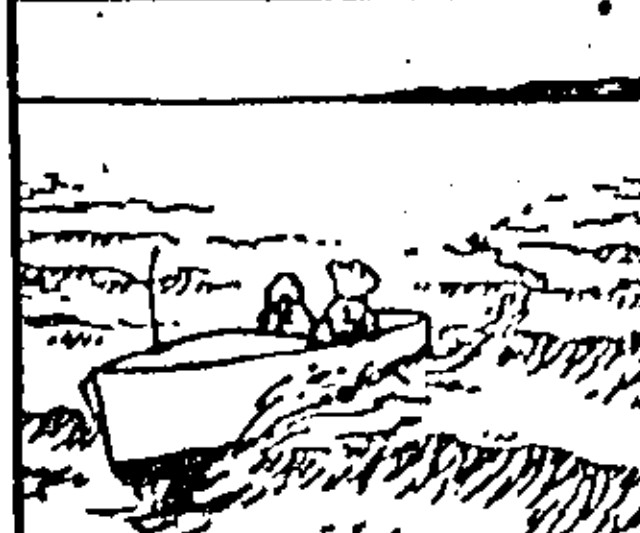
"I've got to feed my canary and my goldfish," said the Policeman. "I'm glad you reminded me."

Knarf and the Policeman shook hands and said goodbye.

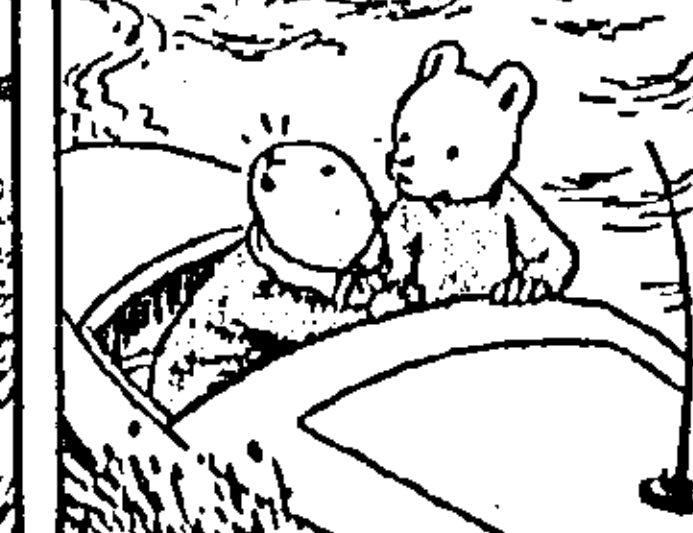
"I wish I were big right now," Knarf said to himself, as he walked down the street towards his house. "I'd much rather feed a lion and a tiger and a monkey and a giraffe and a seal than a cat and a dog."

But at that moment, there was the dog standing in the doorway wagging his tail and the cat, standing on the window sill purring with joy, and Knarf smiled at them and went inside.

Rupert and the Secret Boat—21



The little boat carries the two pale straight out to sea—now travelling in a nearly straight line away from the coast. "I say, the Professor is giving us a real long trip, isn't he?" said Rupert.



"The boat didn't go as far as this when it was being tried out."



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South China 6, Army 3 ARMY HALF-BACKS COLLAPSE

Yiu Cheuk-Yin Leads SCAA To Easy Victory As Army Retreat To Defeat

By I. M. MACTAVISH

What a sad anti-climax this game turned out to be.

By defeating the Police last week the Army gave it an air of importance that was never justified while all the South China-inspired ballyhoo of ground switching was just so much wasted effort.

Had the match been played at Caroline Hill as originally planned there would still have been plenty of empty seats for fewer than 15,000 fans turned up at the Hongkong Stadium . . . and they must have been disappointed.

At the final whistle the score-board read South China 6, The Army 3 and on the run of play South China were clear and thoroughly deserving winners.

Many who have seen the soldiers in action in recent weeks will probably wonder what went wrong and the truth is that it was impossible to recognise yesterday's eleven lifeless players as the same men who have been doing so well both in League and Shield matches.

The side suffered from its old failing of missed chances. Only this time there was no trace of the admirable fighting spirit and buoyant enthusiasm which have so often come to the fore for their other deficiencies. In the early stages of the game—and in fact right up to the moment when South China opened the scoring—the Army gave as much as they got and sometimes a bit more.

But they wanted many, many opportunities that would have put them in a comfortable position.

'Operation Switch'

But . . . and it seems hard to reconcile . . . they went toppling and tumbling to defeat because their usually reliable half-back line collapsed completely when South China put 'Operation Switch' into practice. When the whistle faded right out of the game and were finally run ragged by position-changing Yiu Cheuk-yin and Ho Cheung-yau while Woodcock, robbed of dependable support to his right, altered his goal of scoring and was better off frequently and too easily in the later stages of the game.

The middle line has been the rock on which the Army's recent reputation has been built and when it collapsed yesterday the side had no alternative plan on which to fall back. The forward line was woefully weak and lacked the pulse and strength at middle-forward to give the middle line a breathing space to recover its pulse and confidence.

For a time in the first half Coward and Johnston did many clever things but as the game progressed the Army front rank became Johnson and little else. Eyres did absolutely nothing and spent long periods loitering on the touchline waiting hopefully for breaks that never came. He was beaten time and time again by Kwock Kam-hung and he was not helped by the fact that Nellany—who worked so hard but so aimlessly—sent countless ill-directed passes right to the feet of a waiting opponent.

Another Weakness

Nellany and Coward also shared another weakness: they were frequently caught in possession when a short quick pass to a waiting colleague could so easily have been made. But the front rank suffered too, from lack of a spearhead and Holland once again showed that in attitude at least—he is far from being fit, and far from being the danger man he was before his injury. Without his fire and persistence there was no real threat to the South China goal through the centre. Lau Yee has seldom had an easier time.

The Army rear lines did all that could possibly be expected of them and Davies once again played. Mok Chun-wai to a standard. Sharp had a thankless task. He was faced by Wong Chi-keung at his liveliest and with Whelan willing badly under pressure the left-back was often caught in two minds trying to do two men's work. Green had little chance with any of the goals and he had one grand second-half save when somehow he contrived to fingertip a scorcher from Mok Chun-wai over the bar when he looked beaten all ends up.

Once they had survived the Army's early period of supremacy South China won as they liked. The forward line ripped the soldiers defence to ribbons and it was good to see Yiu Cheuk-yin producing something of the form which made him

the Colony's most attractive performer a year or so ago. Ho Cheung-yau started off like a wild man struggling desperately to recapture his glittering past but as the game swung in South China's favour we began to get glimpses of his potential and touches of his class. He went on improving the longer the game lasted. He made three of the goals and scored a grand one himself.

With Lee Yuk-tak on the injured list South China gave another outing to young Lee Yuk-tak and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands. He lifted in well and, quite apart from his two goals, he showed an intelligent appreciation of how to team up with established stars like Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin. If he can maintain this form, Lee Yuk-tak is going to find it very difficult indeed to get back into the team again when he is fit.

A Lot Of Promise

South China would do well to persevere with this lineup. It has a lot of promise. The Stadium was just over half full when the game got underway and for the first twenty minutes it was six of one and half-a-dozen of the other although the Army territorial defence was a definite territorial advantage.

The soldiers pushed most of their attacks out to Johnston on the left wing and he and Coward made several attractive moves without putting the South China defence in any danger. Johnston lofted a number of crosses behind the goal when with a little care he could have caused the Caroline Hill defence a lot of worry.

The Army got a scare in the 24th minute when Whelan let a lob from the right go over his head and Ho Cheung-yau, who was standing right behind him, headed just wide of the post.

But the really important near things came at the end where the Army had several good chances to score but wasted them.

First the ball, coming from the left, dropped on the six yards line and Holland with the whole goal in front of him missed a big kick. Although in fairness to the centre-forward it must be said that he was partially hindered by one of his own colleagues. That was in the 28th minute.

The Turning Point

Then, just as the Stadium clock reached the half hour, came the biggest chapter of misses of all. Lau Chi-ping was penalised for obstruction and as the kick was flighted goalwards Holland headed it past the advancing goalkeeper only to see it headed off the goal-line by a covering defender. The ball ran to Eyres who, with a wonderful flourish, lashed out wildly and the ball rebounded from a defender to safety. Oh . . . what a calmly conceived and accurately placed push with the instep would have done at the moment.

That was probably the turning point of the game.

In the 37th minute a careless middlefield mistake let Wong Chi-keung gain possession and the little winger was off like a streak for goal. He held on gamely and as Green moved across to narrow the angle Wong cracked a ball past him into the net. It was over in a flash.

The soldiers were shaken to their foundations and in less than a minute they lost another goal. This time it was Ho Cheung-yau who made the solo running out on the left wing. He resisted several strong challenges and cut the ball back from the byline. It reached Lee Yuk-tak and the centre-forward pushed it through a defender's legs into the goal.

That was the score as the teams changed ends but any plans the Army had for a quick fightback were shattered in three short minutes. The ball came from the left and Sharp handled as it was on its way to the net. The referee blew immediately for a spotkick although the ball eventually crossed the line. Mok Chun-wah made full use of the opportunity and South China were three goals ahead.

Lee Yuk-tak got his name on the scoring list again in the 54th minute when he coolly slipped the ball into the net while the Army defence was in utter confusion.

South China were now calling the tune in H-H and with their lead secure they began to play better football than they have done for months. Some of their forward movements were delightful yet in the 62nd minute they unexpectedly lost a goal.

Best Goal

Lau Yuk-tak was penalised for an offence near his own goal and Johnston was forced to convert Jack Brown's takers and paid the penalty for their overconfidence.

In the other Senior game Ed Corvalho and his lucky Braves offered the game on a silver platter to South China A.A. but the latter were apparently imbued with the 'Pat Choy' spirit of doing good and tessed it right back into the laps of the tribe who were extremely fortunate to take this game 4-3.

The sailors also pulled off a double play just before the triple net but were much too anxious to convert Jack Brown's takers and paid the penalty for their overconfidence.

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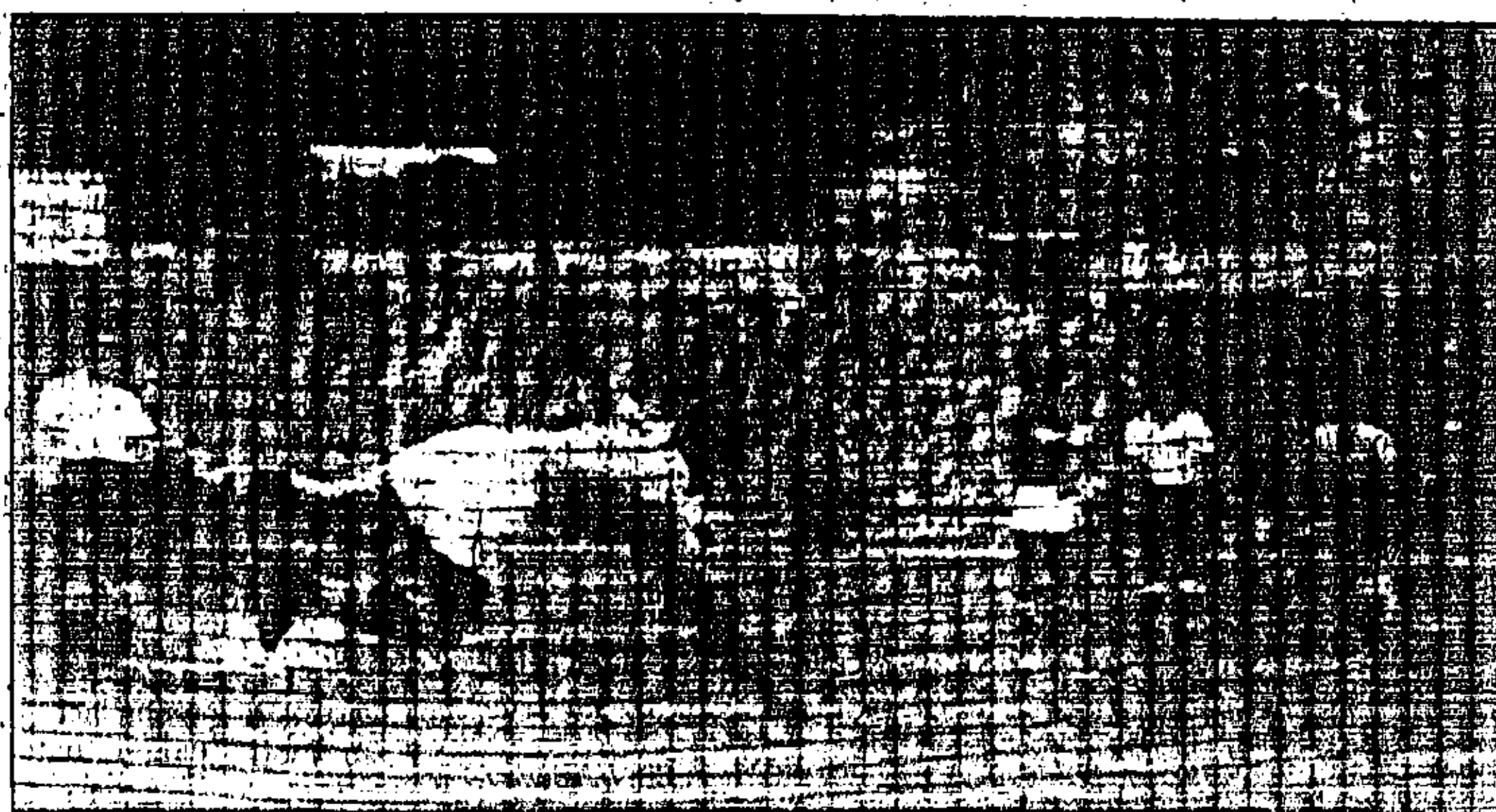
Just before the end the soldiers got the softest of soft penalty kicks and Johnston made the final score 6-3 . . . although South China's goalkeeper made no attempt to save the kick it was a mute but stupid protest.

The game was punctuated by some harsh decisions but the goal — and it looked a good one — which the Army had chalked up was more than countered by the two simple penalty kicks they were awarded.

VERDICT: This game was as disappointing as any so-called big game could be . . . and the soldiers were the biggest disappointment of all. Somewhere between Stanley Street and the Hongkong Stadium the Army team shed all the brilliant bubbling battle spirit that made them so attractive to watch in previous games. This time there was neither life nor purpose in the side . . . and I shall never understand the tactics of their usually hard tackling close marking half-backs who gave the South China forwards yards and yards of vital space in which to work. They turned back the clock six months . . . they were in retreat every time the opposition staged an attack . . . and that as always was the sure road to defeat.

South China were handsome winners. Yiu Cheuk-yin had a grand game and he literally roared Ho Cheung-yau back to form. That's a good thing for South China — and Hongkong.

The Teams
South China: Lau Kin-chung, Lau Chi-ping, Kwock Kam-hung, Lau Tak-hay, Lau Yee, Lo Cheung-kwong, Wong Chi-keung, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-wai, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.
Army: Green, Davies, Sharp, Halliday, Woodcock, Whelan, Eyres, Nellany, Holland, Coward, Johnston.
Referee: Mr Darbyshire.



NO MISTAKE . . . Army's outside-left, Johnson, makes no mistake with this penalty kick (first of two) that came Army's way in yesterday's match, beating South China goalkeeper Lau Kin-chung all the way with a rasping drive to the top corner of the net.—China Mail photo.

BEST WEEK-END SOFTBALL GAME

Henry Viana Tosses Cheyennes To 9-2 Win Over University

By OLLY VAS

The spot of honour this week is reserved for the Junior league Cheyennes' Henry Viana who tossed his arm and heart out for his side against the University and was only two 'outs' away from a no-hitter when P. L. Leung spoiled everything with a sharp single as the Cheyennes defeated the undergraduates 9-2 in the best softball game of the week. In the Senior division the Saints sported some red faces as the champs fell victims to a brilliantly executed triple play, the first this season, although they eventually triumphed over the U.S. Navy by 10 runs to one, the big hit of the day being the old reliable Dave "Bambino" Leonard's resounding homer in the 4th inning.

The winners increased their lead to 7-2 in the bottom of the sixth but it was a very expensive pair of tallies as Silva got his fingers badly slashed and this injury may well keep him out of the game for the rest of the season.

The U's failed to score in the sixth and there was a tense moment in the air as Viana, with an elusive no-hit game in sight, faced the Polidurn batters in the bottom of the last inning after his side had added two insurance runs to make it 9-2 for the Cheyennes.

Sole Hit

Duthe, the U's first batter lined a grounder to second base to be tossed out. Henry Viana now fired his sights on the next man up, P. L. Leung. As luck would have it Leung slashed out a hot grounder between first and second base to get the University's sole hit of the game. An attempted steal didn't come off and Hira Keswani hit a weak grounder to the infield to end the game.

Fought Back

The Cheyennes jumped into a 3-1 lead in the second inning as they fielded errors by the University but the undergrads fought back to lower the margin to 3-2 when Duthe had the easiest of tasks in scoring on a wild pitch by Viana.

Eric Remedios single in the top of the third drove in run number four for the Cheyennes. Both sides failed to add to the score in the fourth inning and the fifth got underway with the Cheyennes still clinging to a narrow 4-2 lead. It was still a no-hit game by pitcher Viana as Keswani, Choi and George Chien all popped up.

Eric Remedios again came to the rescue with another single to score Johnny Chavez just ahead and it was now 5-2 for the Cheyennes.

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Lincoln Horse Out Of Race

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YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY Recreio-Macaensis Match Was Biggest Flop Of Season

By TONY MYATT

Take two top teams . . . match them in a vital senior division hockey encounter . . . and what do you get? The biggest flop of the season.

I am referring to the Recreio 'A' versus Macaensis 'A' encounter, which resulted in a well deserved 3-0 win for the former.

The game, which was originally scheduled to take place at 11 a.m. got underway at 2.45 p.m. finally after an (in the spot) postponement in the morning. A large crowd turned out to watch this game, anticipating a feast of good hockey. But, it was lacking in one ingredient—cool-headedness. What resulted was a lachrymose display of aimless hitting and aimless shuffling, with a fair amount of shuffling thrown in for good measure.

Almost A Fight

As if this wasn't enough, two players decided they wanted to settle a field argument after the match and a fight almost broke out. It was nipped in the bud, however, by the quick mindedness of opposing spectators. But, don't let me paint you too black a picture.

There was of course a great deal of back-pushing, but much of this was due to the fact that the game was being played on a very uneven field.

For the first half of this encounter, the standard of hockey was good, but nothing to rave about. Both teams produced some good constructive play with Recreio taking the lion's share of the game except for the first 15 minutes.

During these fifteen minutes Macaensis were only playing with ten men but Sa Silva did a great job of filling two positions at inside-left, had little idea of the game and, spilt many Macaensis moves by trying much unsuccessfully to dribble the ball with his stick held in one hand. However, he tried hard.

In the second half, Recreio were playing eight on top but still well below their usual standard.

Honours

For Recreio, premier honours went to Almirante Almeida who scored all three goals. In the first one, from a penalty bully, after he had been sandwiched by two Macaensis defenders. The best player on the field to my mind, however, was Macaensis right-half and captain, Volcano.

For the first half the game, he had Junior Remedios, play-

CHESS NEWS

by LEONARD BARDEN

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Australia 452 For Eight At Lunch

DAVIDSON AND GROUT DISMISSED FOR THE ADDITION OF 49 RUNS

Adelaide, Feb. 2.

Australia, 403 for six at stumps on Saturday, were 452 for eight at lunch on the third day of the fourth Test after a morning which saw the dismissal of Alan Davidson and Wally Groot for the addition of 49 runs.

The highlight of the morning's play, which took place in torrid heat — the temperature was officially given as 100.5 — and on an easy wicket, was a diving catch by Trevor Bailey fielding at square leg to dismiss Davidson off Tyson.

The England all-rounder dived full length to his left to hold the hard-hit ball with both hands. Only a few balls earlier, in his own over, Davidson was dropped at first slip by Trueman.

Davidson's score of 43 was made in 20 minutes and included five fours.

Without Evans

At the adjournment Colin McDonald, who retired with a torn thigh muscle last Saturday after making 149 and resumed this morning with a runner (Burke) following the dismissal of Wally Groot, was not out 102, and the veteran Ray Lindwall five not out.

England took the field today without their wicketkeeper Godfrey Evans, and it was announced that he was unlikely to keep wicket during the remainder of the match.

Another Title For Gary Player

Spring, Feb. 1. Gary Player, brilliant young South African golfer, won the East Rand open title here today with a 72-hole total of 207.

Bobby Locke, four times winner of the British Open, was second, two strokes behind. — Reuter.

BILLIARDS KING DEAD

Miami, Feb. 1.

Billiards king Willie Hoppe, who ruled the billiards world nearly half a century, died in a Miami hospital today after a lengthy illness.

The 71-year-old Hoppe was a legend in the sports world. Although he won 51 world championships in some 47 glory-packed years, winning his first when he was only 18.

Hoppe also was the only billiard player to give an exhibition at the White House. He played before President Taft in 1911.

Hoppe, who won his first world title in 1900, won his last in 1951, made in 391 minutes and including 11 fours.

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Burke, retired hurt 149 last Saturday with a torn leg muscle, resumed his innings with a runner after Groot's dismissal and sent Trueman's first delivery to him for two to reach 151, made in 391 minutes and including 11 fours.

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30 Runs In 10 Overs

After four overs Statham gave way to Tyson in the first bowling change. The first hour's play produced 30 runs from 10 overs.

Trueman had five overs before giving way to Bailey, who experienced bad luck as Trueman dropped Davidson at first slip after Graveney had slightly deflected the ball.

In Tyson's next over Bailey swung himself to the ground to make a magnificent catch to dismiss Davidson off Tyson—and Australia were eight down for 445.

Davidson's 43 was made in 153 minutes and included five fours.

At lunch Australia were eight for 452—with McDonald not out 102 and Lindwall five not out. — Reuter.

by MADDOCKS

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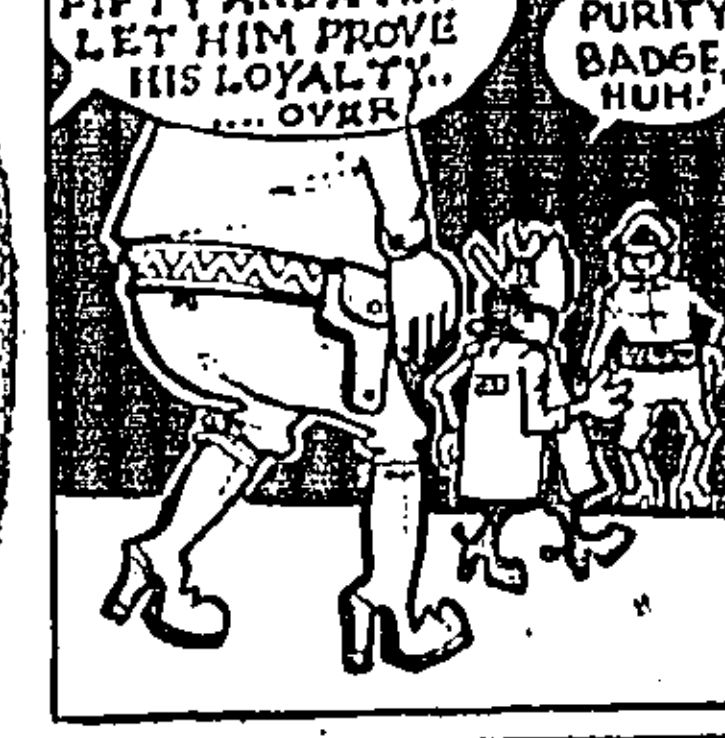
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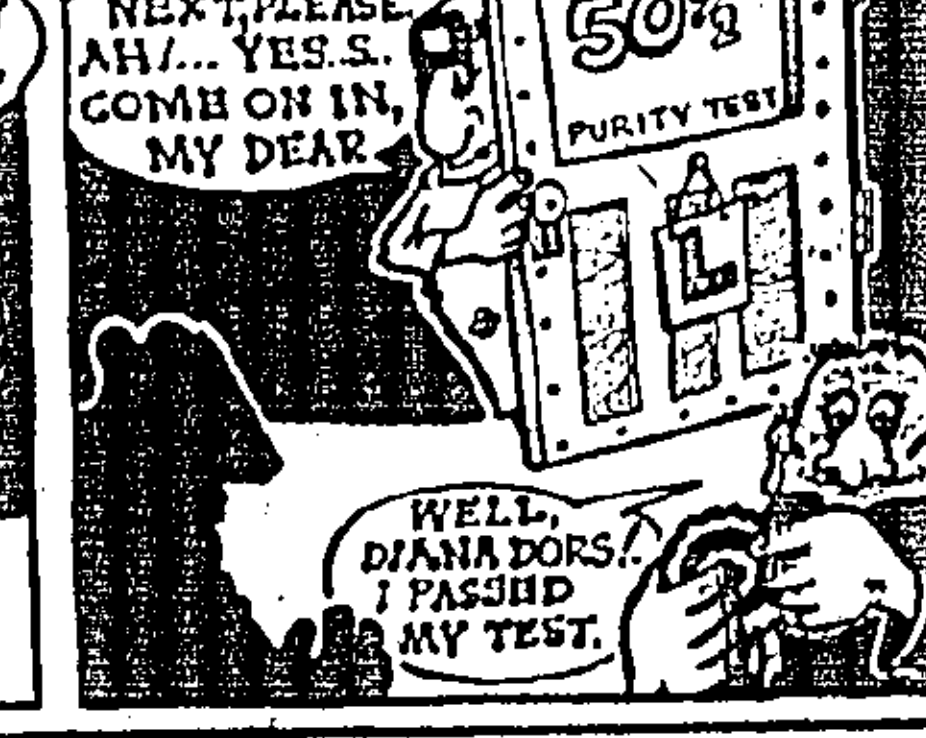
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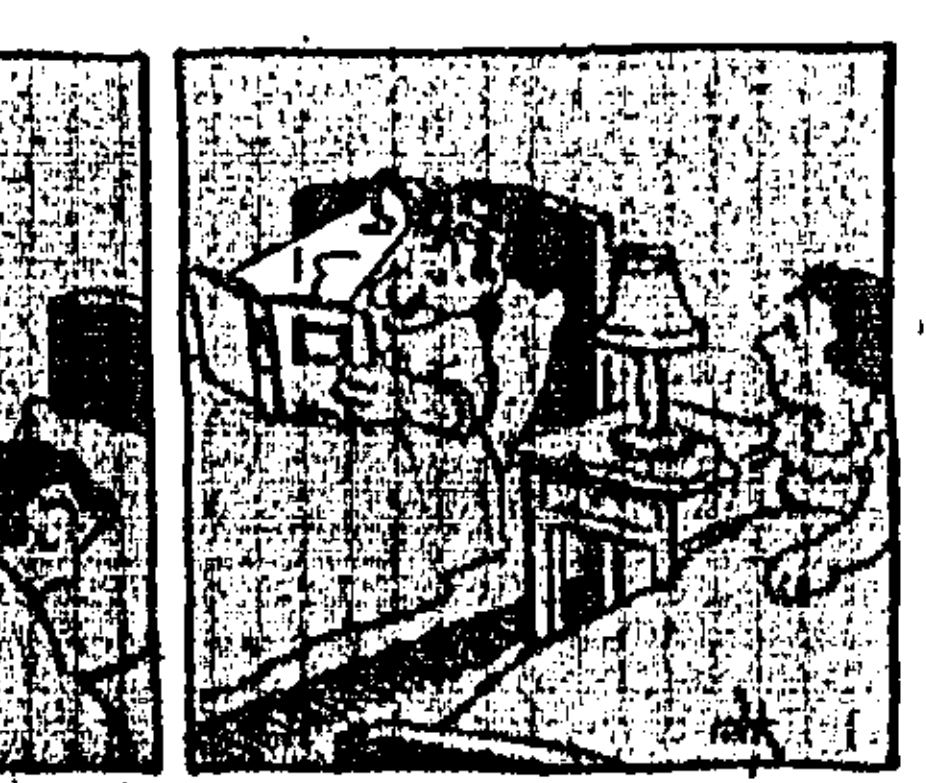
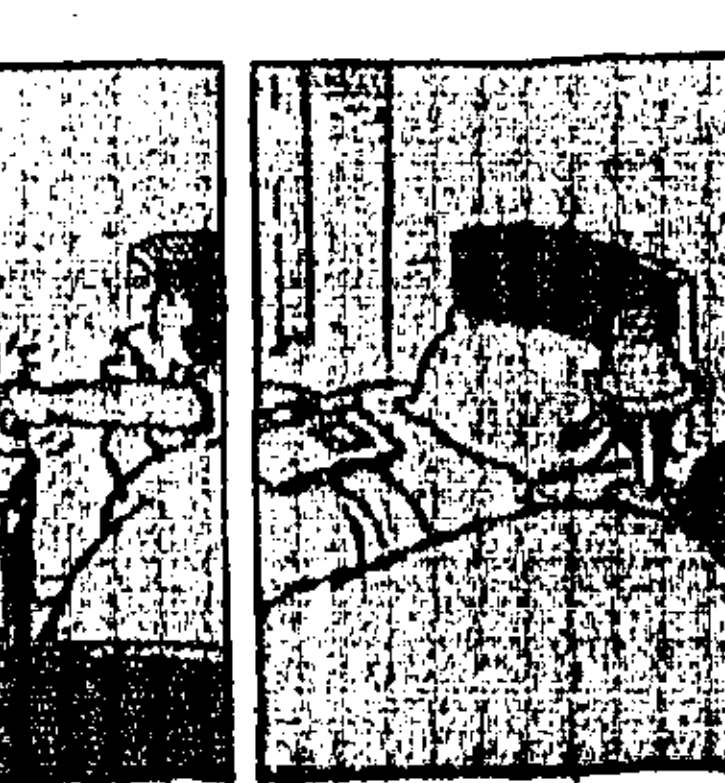
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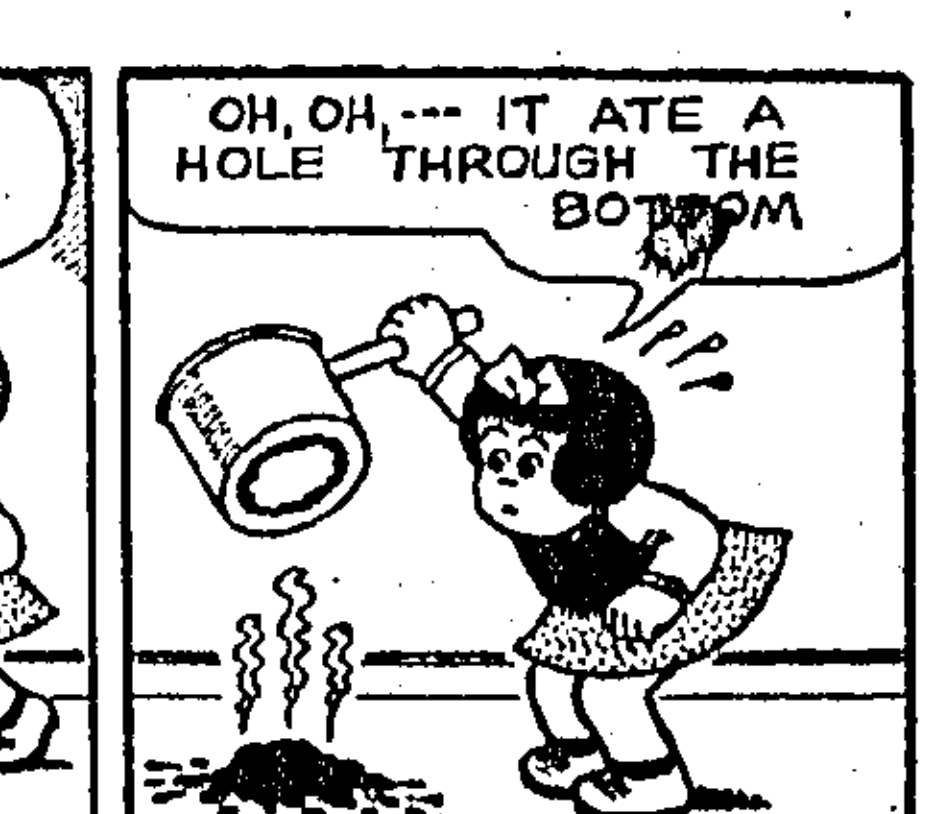
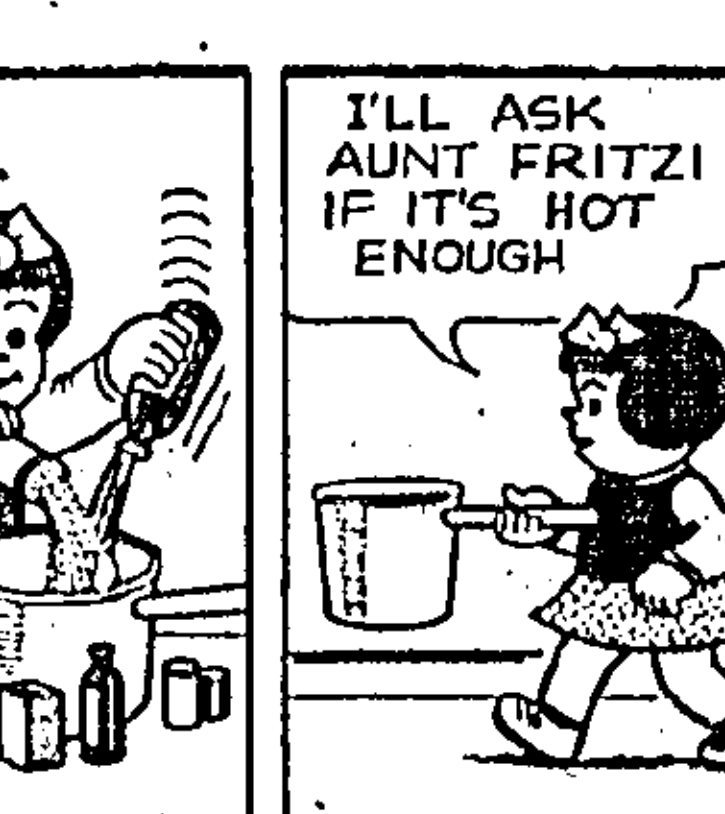
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CLUB RETAIN HEXANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY LEAD WITH 21-8 WIN OVER RAF

By PAK LO

In a sparkling encounter on Saturday afternoon at Boundary Street Club retained their place at the top of the Hexangular Tournament table when they beat a hard fighting RAF XV by 21 points (three goals, one try, one penalty goal) to eight (one goal, one try).

In an earlier game, Army South barely deserved their 9-0 (one try, two penalty goals) victory over bottom placed Police.

On the adjacent Army ground a very weak Navy side was massacred by Army North who dominated every department of play to the extent of 31 points (five goals, one try, one penalty goal) to nil.

Finally in the 23rd minute the ball again went out to Browne who evaded Hughes with a nice hand off and ran over and round to score near the posts. Newbigging converted. 11-0.

Again the Club attacked and again Browne was caught a good five yards short of the line. There was a scrum, the Club heeled and held the ball in the second row and pushed their way across the line with Penman reaching in to touch down as the ball went over the line. This was almost in the corner, and the wind was blowing diagonally across the field but Newbigging put it between the posts with a kick he will not forget in a long time. 14-0.

In the second half Carr scored the try mentioned before, and Stear converted to make it 16-0 in the 5th minute.

In the 16th minute, Hughes got the ball inside his own 25 from a Club attack, ran across field, and then crossed. The wind kept the ball in play and helped it on its way downfield. Stear was caught in possession, and the ball moved out to Lowe who scored in the corner. No conversion. 16-8.

The Club pressed back after this and four minutes from the end there was a scrum on the RAF 25 and the ball went out to Valentine going blind, and he passed to Browne who had come across from the open side to make the extra man. Browne, however, went through on his own and crossed the line well off, then ran in to score near the posts. Newbigging converted. 21-8.

Club v. RAF

This was a terrific game from start to finish with nothing but three moves by one side or the other. Martin was injured at half time and this weakened the RAF attack in the second half when they were playing with the strong wind behind them for the Club had gone all out in the first half, and using the wind and their three to good effect had a 16-point lead.

With Martin missing, Hughes moved into the centre beside Carr and looked much happier with Burwood dropping back from the scrum to fill in on the wing.

Hughes in the first half was disappointing, for as his team was in that period mainly on the defensive, he proved to be the weak link, and Browne his opposite number had no trouble in handing him off before he scored.

An Error

This column stated on Saturday that dropping Coombes was an error and had Coombes been playing, Browne would never have scored, and the airman would have shocked everyone by winning.

Carr in the centre lived up to his reputation and his passing was an improvement for the RAF. His tackling was easily the best on the field. In fact it was because of one of his tackles that the airman scored his first try in the second half. He hit Lochrie so hard that the ball bounced out of Lochrie's hands into Hughes' hands and the latter streaked away, easily avoided Stear and touched down despite a last minute desperate tackle by Utley, who throughout covered well.

Radclyffe had a good game, and Poyner showed a marked improvement, while in the forwards Moss and Stear were excellent. Against them they had Miller in the lineouts and Campbell and Penman in the loose.

Campbell played a fine clean game and was tackling well and hard too hard for Radclyffe's liking and the referee warned the latter at one point for getting overexcited.

Far Too Flat

The only fault with the RAF throughout was that in attack they lay far too flat, and gave the Club a chance to get to them.

The airman were unlucky to lose Martin, who played a very good game, in the first half. In the second half the missing man in the pack made all the difference and the Club pack dominated lineouts and scrums completely, and this robbed the airman of the ball the chance to use the wind.

Tancock had a good game but Valentine though excellent at getting his three moving was inclined to break blind without letting Tancock know about it, and Tancock's passes on some of these occasions were going well astern of Valentine.

From beginning until four minutes before the end the result was always in doubt. In this match, and this added thrills to the spectacle of a fine open game.

With the wind at their backs Club went on the field with orders to pile on the score. They started attacking with some nice touch kicking to a lineout five yards from the RAF line. The ball went in, and after some juggling Williams got it and forced his way over in the corner in the first minute. No conversion. 3-0.

Lovely Cut

The airman swung back into attack, and Martin had a lovely cut through the centre, but the ball went loose and the Club just touched down.

The RAF really went to town at this stage and, had the Club not had the wind to add distance to their kicks, the airman would have scored.

However, in the 16th minute from a Club attack the airman were penalised on their own 25 for outside round the scrum and Newbigging converted. 5-0.

Now the Club were on top and Browne was being sent down the wing time and again but the RAF defence held.

reason, and Johnston tried to convert a penalty with the wind behind him from just inside the half way line but was slightly short.

In the closing minutes Mander got the ball on the half way line in a lineout, broke through and crossed. Birdsell hacked it on, and Watson got a lovely bounce into his hands and went through to score in the corner. No conversion. 9-0.

Big Triumph For Scandinavian Speed Skaters

Gothenburg, Feb. 1. The 1959 Speed Skating Championship, which ended here today resulted in a big triumph for Scandinavia, who took all three medals.

The 25-year-old Norwegian Knut Johansson, world champion in 1957, won his first European title with a total of 169.805 points. He was followed by the two Finns Juhani Paavilinen and Toivo Salonen with 160.127 and 160.510 respectively.

Johannessen won his championship after a very strong and brilliant 10,000 metres which he won in 16 mins 40.1 seconds.

The Russians who have dominated speed skating during recent years were this time something of a disappointment. Their best man, Robert Markulov was number four, whereas Oleg Goncharenko world champion three times and European champion twice finished as number six.

Over 3,500 spectators watched the competitions under excellent conditions. — France-Press.

Police v. Army South

Army South played very poorly in this game, and that against a much weakened Police XV. Had the Police forwards who are usually the strongest part of the Police attack backed up their halves and three they could have beaten the Army side.

Army South were without Sanderson to inspire them in the backs, and Embley was also missing.

Clearly Mander and Tunbridge dominated the lineouts which were plentiful but they patted back and gave Elliot at scrum-half a hard time.

Despite this the ball went back to the three regularly and they got in some nice moves, but the Army forwards in the loose seemed numb, and the cold wind and stood still watching their three try to break through.

Scott was always there to stop the Army South three and was well backed up by Johnston and Stevin, who for someone who had hardly played this season seemed to be fitter than many who have been regular players in the Police XV.

Long Raking Kick

The Army oddly enough only used the long raking kick for touch when they were under pressure, and their three hung on too long to the ball. The Police had the major share of the lineouts, and when they lost their two wing forwards they always brought on the ball, but although they pressed in the second half they never really looked like scoring.

Army South opened the scoring when Sharp converted from about thirty yards out. This penalty was awarded for offside round the scrum, and after this lesson the Police wing forwards were more careful.

Five minutes later Sharp put Army South further ahead when Stevin was caught in possession and penalised for not releasing the ball 20 yards from his own line. 6-0.

Half time came and went but the Army centres kept starving their wings for no

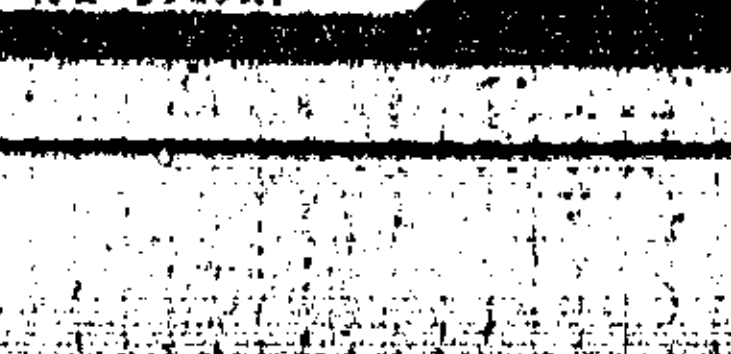
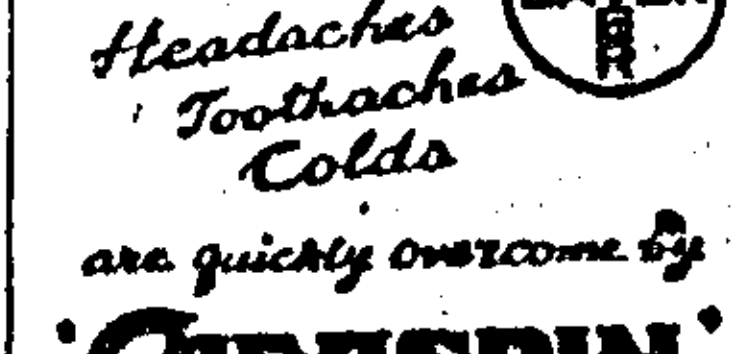
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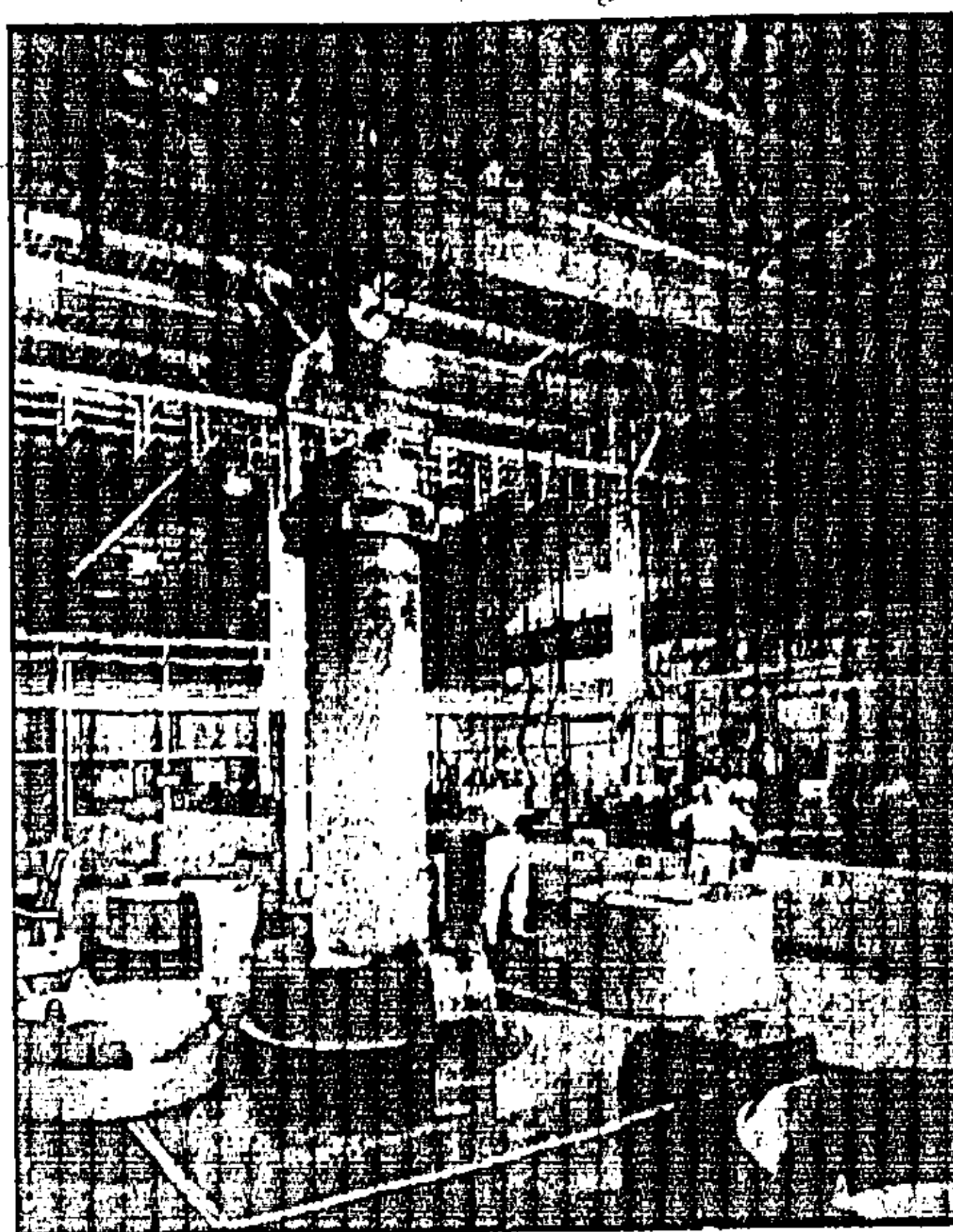


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Red-Hot Reactor



A red-hot reactor is lifted from a furnace at Britain's uranium factory at Springfields, near Preston, Lancashire. The furnace is used to heat a mixture of magnesium and uranium tetrafluoride, causing a chemical reaction in which the magnesium combines with the fluorine and the uranium is reduced to its metallic form.—Reuterphoto.

CHEAP GAS FROM
LOW GRADE COAL
BECOMES A REALITY

THE prospect of plentiful supplies of cheap gas for countries all over the world where deposits of only low grade coal exists has become a reality with the launching of a \$2,500,000 plan to supply gas under high pressure to the famous industrial belt of Scotland, an area of nearly 800 square miles.

The secret behind the efficient use of low grade coal which the new plant makes possible is in the use of oxygen to produce gas by chemical processes from a type of coal completely unsuitable for carbonisation by conventional means. It is known as the Lurgi process.

ERECTED

The Scottish plant is being erected in the heart of Scotland on the edge of a vast open coal site. The coal will be transported direct by conveyor from the open cast field to the gas plant to produce thirty million cubic feet of gas a day from poor-quality non-coking coal. The gas is then processed to produce high-pressure gas which will be returned to the open cast site to aid in land filling.

As the secret of the new plant lies in the use of oxygen for the chemical process, an essential part of the plant is the installation of a large oxygen plant that will not only work continuously night and day feeding the gas furnaces but also produce reserve supplies to meet peak demands.

The oxygen plant is being installed by the British Oxygen Engineering Ltd., a subsidiary of the world famous British Oxygen Company, and will be capable of producing two hundred tons of oxygen a day.

TWO STAGES

The erection of the new plant already begun will be in two stages. Stage one, with an output of fifteen million cubic feet of gas everyday is expected to be completed by the autumn of 1960. Two years later stage two will be completed.

Currently with the erection of the plant a high pressure, medium grid pipe system is being laid to distribute the gas from one end of the industrial Scottish belt to the other—75 miles of 12 inch piping and 50 miles of smaller.

Inside the works, coal as it is fed by the belt system from the open cast site will be crushed and screened before use. The larger coal will be fed to the Lurgi generators. The smaller coal will be used for steam raising. Large quantities of steam are required because the gas is made by the reaction of coal with steam and oxygen under high pressure.

High Speed Press
Tool Grinder

A TOOL-GRINDING fixture capable of grinding press tool punches in fifteen minutes compared with hours taken by other methods has been developed and put into production by a British firm.

The fixture is primarily designed for the grinding of formed press-tool punches from cylindrical blanks, but it can also be used for light machining operations on copper, for example, as required for the production of electrodes for spark machinery.

It is described as being capable of grinding radii, angles and in fact any geometrical form quickly with a setting accuracy of .0002 inches and the special radius dressing attachment allows forms from 1/4 inches convex to 1 1/2 inches concave to be generated on surface grinding wheels. It can be used not only for punches, but also for dies, drills and gauges. (Lennie & Thorn Ltd., Western Road, Braeknell, Berks, England.)

Plastic Material
For All Pipes

BRITISH Geon, a member of the Distillers Plastics Group, has developed a new material for manufacturing pipes to carry water, gas, chemicals and effluents.

It is called Geon RA 170 High-Impact. Right PVC. Among the advantages claimed for RA 170 are lightness (one-fifth the weight of iron and steel), high impact strength, easy pointing, resistance and low resistance to flow. They are also said to be non-corrosible and insoluble.

It is believed that in due time all iron and steel water mains will be replaced by high-impact right PVC or that one-twentieth of the 1967 metal pipe market will be taken over during this year and held for 20 years.

Weekly Survey Of The American Economy
PROSPECTS OF STABILITY
Characterised By Quiet
Money Market And
Firm Interest Rates

New York, Feb. 1.

Although those who managed the money in the United States continue to warn at every occasion of the latent pressures of inflation, there is a belief today that a period of stability is the prospect of the weeks ahead.

SHAKE-OUT
IN
LONDON

London, Feb. 1. There has been a pretty thorough shake-out in stock markets this past week which have been dull in consequence with only a small amount of business done.

Profit-taking after the preceding prolonged upward movement was supplemented by nervous selling, based mainly on the prospect of an early general election in a climate that may be unfavourable and to some extent on the position on Wall Street where there has been a check to the recent rise. When the small selling ceased at the beginning of the new account a better appearance was noticeable in many directions, though investors generally were still inclined to take a cautious view.

Gilt-Edged

Gilt-edged have been having a breathing space and closed the week at lower levels than a week ago. The course of money rates came in for some discussion but it is not now generally believed that the Bank Rate will be cut, at least not for another few weeks. Up to the turn of the account British funds were one of the chief markets subject to selling orders.

In the foreign bond market chief interest centred in Greeks at the beginning of the week on hopes of a Cyprus settlement but the tone deteriorated as the week progressed and most of the gains were lost. Hungarian 4 1/2 per cent bonds jumped from 4 1/2 to 7 1/2 on reports that a settlement of this loan would be conditional on any trade agreement reached with Hungary. Negotiations of which are due to commence shortly. Buying from various continental centres was reported for German bonds but the support was not of a very persistent nature.

The dollar bond market continued to be a very dull affair. American issues drifted to the extent of a point and Canadians trended mainly downward.

Industrials

The Industrials market has had to contend with the usual end-of-the-year selling as well as the bout of small selling which began last week. With buyers scarce prices have tended to sag. It also begins to look as if the main impetus of the unit trusts' initial purchases has spent itself. Political stresses have made an impact on steel which tended to drift. Engineering shares as a whole have been fairly subdued and the same has been a feature of motors.

Aircrafts were quiet with a downward tendency. Shipping shares have had some support. Store shares were subdued on purchase tax considerations. The Reactionist Practices court decision against the yarn spinners' agreement has given textiles a bad shock.

Leading oil shares opened the week on a stronger note with aggressive buying of Shell Transport and Royal Dutch from New York and the continent. The more speculative shares eased in the main although there were some rises in the Trinidad group.

F. S. Geddis reports on the great values of the new strikes sparked off activity in gold shares with considerable buying from Johannesburg, particularly along market.—U.P.I.

Great Increase

This stability would be characterised by a quiet money market and stable interest rates. Since the beginning of January, bank loan demands have been moderate and new floatations of capital have not been expected to be as large as they were last year.

With any great increase in capital investments for plant and equipment being deferred at least until spring, such spending is expected to have little effect for several months.

From now on, cash borrowings by the U.S. Treasury, which appears to be in sympathy with anti-inflation measures so long as recovery from the recent recession proceeds unhindered, will not be fresh levels on the resources of the money market. These borrowings will consist largely of funds to meet attrition on refinancings and to offset cash-ins of bills that mature in March and May.

The fact that the Treasury has now completed the lot of raising new money for the fiscal 1959 budget of almost 13 billion adds to the prospect of stability. Many economists believe that public debt management decisions this year are going to be synchronized with the policy of the Federal Reserve System.

Long-Term

Some economists say that the Treasury would like to offer long-term issues as opposed to short-term ones.

Whether the Treasury can find enough investors to subscribe to long-term issues in the amount that it would like to sell them remains to be seen. On the other hand, it will be remembered that in the first half of 1958, the bond market became over-loaded with long-term government offerings and the Treasury found itself forced to resort to very short-term offerings until the market returned to normal.

Although a new move by the Central banking authorities to make money tighter may not be impending, federal reserve officials have indicated that such a move would be probable if the inflation is regarded as the number one public worry. Alfred Hayes, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and a man who speaks seldom but says much, pointed out this week that "the seeds of renewed upward pressure (on prices) are clearly visible and cannot be ignored," despite the recent relative stability of prices.

Liquidity

Among these "seeds," Hayes mentioned the increased liquidity of business and individuals, the threat of price increases, the difficulty of bringing the national budget back into balance, and the prevalence of "inflation psychology."

Hayes said the money managers should be depending less on the fact that they are now doing better than the value of the dollar and more time promoting economic growth, but that the unwillingness of the American people and their lenders to bear the share of the burden has forced most of the task on to the money managers.

"Our problem has been to keep a sufficiently close rein on bank reserves to discourage expectations or fears of inflationary developments in credit and the money supply, and yet to avoid interference with orderly recovery and resumption of growth," he said.

Hayes also praised the Treasury for its willingness to pay the going rate of interest in its new security offerings. With the determination of the cost of hiring money in the hands of the Federal Reserve System, of banks and the country's savers, the Treasury continually faces the problem of keeping within the statutory interest cost limits which was set in the days of World War I financing.

Marketable

Last week, 13 of the Treasury's 46 marketable issues of notes and bonds sold at prices of 98 1/2 to 100 1/2 per cent, or more. One was the issue of four

per cent 21-year bonds that the Treasury brought out this month at a discount price of \$99, to yield 4.07 per cent. Last week this new issue declined in price to 98 1/2, or the equivalent of a yield basis of 4.10 per cent.

A going rate of 4.10 per cent for the long-term interest of the United States is only about 1/4 of one per cent less than the statutory cost limit of 4 1/4 per cent under which Treasury obligations due in five years or more can be sold.

The combined effects of the new long-term bond offerings sought by Secretary of the Treasury, Robert B. Anderson, the keen demand for mortgage money that has accompanied the recent upturn in housing starts, and heavy financing by state and local governments are expected to provide ample investment outlets for savers. The flow of these funds into savings institutions has been longer than ever before.

Thus, the outlook for interest rates is one of stability. Interest rates could rise later in the year, however, if a continuation of the recovery should add to the volume of private borrowing.

New Peak

Total commercial bank loans approached a new peak of \$98 billion at the end of last year, about four per cent above the previous year.

Although the money supply (currency and demand deposits) rose to a new peak of \$138.5 billion at the end of November, 1958, economists point out that it is still significantly smaller, relative to the level of business activity, than in the comparable stages of other post-war recoveries.

The other side of the inflation picture is a continued moderate-high level of unemployment; the percentage of industrial capacity still unused; the relative stability of most prices so far; and the absence of a strong recovery in exports. Recent wage settlements, notably in the auto and oil industries and with international harvesters in Chicago, are considered by most economists to be less "inflationary" than some of those made in 1958.

All in all, the recovery so far has been devoid of the inflationary abuses which marked the dramatic boom of 1953 following the 1953-54 recession.—U.P.I.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 74 1/2, Sterling (per £1) 21 1/2, Australian notes (per £100) 610, Hong Kong (per 100) 21 1/2, Singapore (per 100) 11 1/2.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$823,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

SHARES	Buyers	Sellers	Prices
HONGKONG BANK	700	23	600
HSBC	5	602 1/2	
MEIKO	200	602 1/2	
WATERLOO	4	600	
INSURANCES			
Union	72	72 1/2	
Lombard	20	20 1/2	
SHIPPING			
Waterfront	5 1/2	5 1/2	1000
Wheelock	20	20 1/2	677 1/2
DOCKS, ETC.			
Peck	44 1/2	45 1/2	
Provident	12	12 1/2	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	23 1/2	23 1/2	2000
HK Land	32	32 1/2	1000
Humphreys	14	14 1/2	1522
Realty	1	1 1/2	
AMER.			
Amaz	1	1 1/2	23,000
Trust	1	1 1/2	
A. Tawah	2	2 1/2	
Sumit	2	2 1/2	
UTILITIES			
Tram	27 1/2	27 1/2	500
Star Ferry	100	111	200
Yamutai	61	65	100
C. Light	16 1/2	17	200
Electric	20	20 1/2	500
(Rt)	24 1/2	24 1/2	600
Marco E	9 1/2	9 1/2	325
Rel.	23 1/2	23 1/2	200
Cement	23 1/2	23 1/2	200
SPONSES, ETC.			
Dairy	16 1/2	16 1/2	2000
Wolton	13 1/2	13 1/2	200
COTTONS			
Textile	3 1/2	3 1/2	300
MISCELLANEOUS			
Int. Invest.	2 1/2	2 1/2	500
Invest.	0 1/2	0 1/2	100

Stock Splits
Do Not
Help Market

New York, Feb. 1.

This was the week of the stock split but eight split proposals gave the market small aid in a general decline made on reduced volume.

At the end of the week the Dow-Jones average stood at 503.00, off 2.11; railroad 161.91 off 3.75; utility 90.88 off 1.11; and 65 stocks 205.09 off 1.03.

These averages were up 10.31 up 4.26, off 0.12, and up 3.26 respectively for the month of January, which produced a sales volume of \$3,253,414 shares, the best for the month since 1929.

Averaged

Sales for the week averaged 3,705,982 shares daily, against a daily average of 3,859,540 shares in the previous week.

Since the market set its record high in the Industrials on January 21, the industrial average has had three declines, a big one on Wednesday when it was clipped by 6.13 points. Ralls declined six days in a row before managing to gain on Friday and utilities performed similarly.

The market's price range on individual issues for the week was between a 0 1/4-point decline in International Business Machines and a rise of 10 1/2 points in U.S. Gypsum.

On Wednesday when the selling was most severe, the tickers ran as much as 11

minutes behind the market, most since October 14.

At the close of the week, the record showed 1,430 issues traded. Of these 526 recorded gains and 768 losses while 130 held unchanged. There were 228 new highs set and only eight new lows.

The Friday session witnessed a fairly broad recovery. It was the first session in 12 sessions that all the major averages turned up.

Steels, chemicals, coppers and a long list of selected issues led the recovery.

Production

Automobiles' issues did little with losses running to a bit more than a point. Production was reduced by glass shortage at Chrysler and a cutback in Buick output. However, the total was 14 per cent higher than a year ago.

Oils met a better demand late in the week but profit-taking cut some of their gains.

Market experts believe the first performed well. Some of them felt that the market needs a larger correction than it received before it can resume its attempt to cross the 600-level which was all but registered in the closing average a little more than a week ago.—U.P.I.

Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Feb. 1.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Jan. 28, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings... 247,539,499
Total other currencies... 5,376,539,573
Total balance abroad... 14,125,200,000
Advances... zero
Total bills discounted... 1,027,001,000,354
Reserves in circulation... 3,272,743,510,000
Current accounts and deposits... 423,596,940,012
U.P.I.

Bank Of England
Statement

London, Feb. 1.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 28, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation... Sterling 2,027,234,569
Public deposits... 12,922,549
Private deposits... 2,251,622
Government securities... 240,000,000
Other securities... 20,489,120
Reserves... 49,000,000
Ratio... U.P.I.

Orient & Pacific
LINES

Japan/Pacific Service in 1959

	Westbound	Eastbound	San. Fran.	Los Angeles	Honolulu	Yokohama	Kobe	Arr. Hongkong
"HIMALAYA"	4th Apr.	6-9th Apr.	10th Apr.	16th Apr.	23-24th Apr.	25-26th Apr.	20th Apr.	*
"HIMALAYA"	24th Aug.	26-27th Aug.	28-29 Aug.	2nd Sept.	10-11th Sept.	12-13th Sept.	10th Sept.	†
"CHURAN"	12th May	10th May	23rd May	25-26th May	31st May			
"ORCADES"	7th Nov.	10th Nov.	11-13th Nov.	10th Nov.	24-25th Nov.	27th Nov.		

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	Westbound	Eastbound	Manila	Arr. Sydney	Yokohama	Arr. San Francisco
"HIMALAYA"	10th Sept.	18-19th Sept.	27th Sept.			
"ORCADES"	27th Oct.	4th Nov.	6th Nov.			

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More Dull Weather

The present dull, cool weather is expected to remain until at least tomorrow, according to a Royal Observatory spokesman this morning.

The maximum temperature expected this afternoon should be in the region of 69 degrees.

The morning temperatures have been about four degrees warmer than yesterday, when the maximum recorded at the Observatory was 65.3 degrees.

Tomorrow should be cloudy with drizzle in the early morning, with a possibility of mist.

Post Office Tells About A New Seasonal Rush

by a China Mail Reporter

As the Chinese New Year mail rush swings into top gear it was revealed this morning that postal traffic over the period during the last four years has doubled and is expected to rise even more this year.

In 1955, the Chinese New Year postal traffic was under one million items, and last year it had jumped to well over the 1,500,000 mark.

The amount of mail over this period is based on figures collected on a six-day period.

Steady Rise

A Post Office official told the China Mail this morning it was difficult to estimate the number of New Year greetings cards as they had to be included in the normal posting of correspondence.

The manager of a local stationery company who deals mainly with greetings cards, said that there had been a steady increase in sales of Chinese New Year greeting cards.

In 1957, he said, they had sold some 342,000 worth of cards, and last year this figure rose to \$45,000.

This year he said they expect to reach sales of \$50,000.

At the Post Office, 30 temporary labourers will be taken on to deal with the expected rush. The official said this should begin on Thursday and gradually rise until the peak is reached on Monday (February 9).

Armed Robbery Bid Foiled

A Chinese, armed with a knife, tried to rob a woman at Kai Liu Village, Ngau Tau Kok, on Saturday night.

The woman was stabbed in the chest when she put up a struggle, but the robber ran away immediately without taking anything. The injured woman was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Bound Over For Embezzlement

A salesman who embezzled \$1,154.60 so that his nephew could get married, was this morning bound over in \$1,000 for two years by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy.

The salesman, Lee Din-cam, 47, living in 99, Queen's Road, West, faced six charges of embezzlement to which he pleaded guilty.

Replies

AMATEUR: Since the review is published under the lady's own name, it would be only fair for you to do likewise.

—Ed China Mail.

MURDER TRIAL: WITNESS TELLS ABOUT OLD MAN AND THE LEMON

A retired Chinese merchant from America told Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning how three men entered his house, tied his hands, and tried to force a lemon in his mouth.

Cheung Pak-fuk, the retired merchant, was giving evidence at the trial of two men, Kwan Cheung-tai, 23, tailor, and Yu Ming-shing, 30, unemployed, charged with the murder of a woman, Yu Wen, at 10 Kai Chiu Road, second floor, on September 15.

Bell Rang

Cheung said that at 1.45 p.m. on September 15 he was at home with his family when he heard the door bell ring. He went to answer the door and admitted the second accused.

While they were talking, the door bell rang again and the second accused went to open the door. The first accused and an old man entered the house.

Witness said the old man then handed the two accused seized blades and shouted, "Don't make any noise."

The second accused dragged Yu Wen into the passage way, witness said.

The second accused went into a room in which Tam Har (Cheung's wife) was sleeping and dragged her out to the passage way.

\$5,000 Asked

Witness said he heard Tam Har asked the second accused how much he wanted and some one replied "\$5,000".

Cheung said the old man then pushed him into a room and tied his hands behind his back with tape.

The old man then asked him to lie in a bed and tried to put a lemon in his mouth.

"I pushed the lemon out with my tongue," witness said. The old man tried again and again, but failed.

He Stopped

Witness said he then told the old man that he would not make any noise and the old man stopped.

Hearing is continuing. The first accused is represented by Mr S. V. Gittins, instructed by Wilkinson and Grist. The second accused is defended by Mr W. L. D'Alton, instructed by Miss Victoria Woo.

Mr D. N. F. Rea and Mr D. G. Wills, Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Inspector M. W. Gingles.

TV Man Leaves

Mr Norman Dickson, Commercial Director of the British Commonwealth International News Service (Vintona), left here this morning by boat for Bangkok.

During his five-day visit to the Colony, Mr Dickson held talks with local television officials regarding the supply of overseas news, and also plans for a reciprocal agreement.

Theft From Car

A camera, valued at \$45, was stolen from a private car parked in Great George Street on Saturday night.



Above is Mrs E. C. Brewer distributing food and clothing to poor Hongkong people at the SFC Port St Centre, Kowloon, this morning.—China Mail Photo.

Fined For Harboursing Illegal Immigrants

A 20-year-old housewife, Yu Sau-ling, of 690, Queen's Road West, third floor, was fined \$750 by Mr Derek Cons, at Central this morning for harbouring illegal immigrants.

At 3.30 p.m. on January 28, a police party raided room 319, of the Tong Sai Hotel in Queen's Road, West, and found two children. Yu was not in.

Later Yu returned with two women and two other children. They were all arrested.

Inquiries revealed that the women and children had arrived from Macao on January 28 and Yu registered them at the hotel and paid their bills.

Mr S. L. Wong of Messrs M. K. Lam and Company appeared for Yu.

Sub-inspector K. K. Yuen prosecuted.

Regular A Bundle

These included naval, army and dockyard wives who made drives recently to collect supplies for the parties.

Each mother was given a bundle of clothing and those living in huts or shacks on hill-sides got a blanket too.

Then moving along the laden tables the recipients collected CARE parcels containing rice, beans and tea; a toy, packets of noodles and dried peaches, biscuits, pump, wrapped sweets and a tin of fish.

On the other side of the covered playground Mrs H. D. M. Barlen was dispensing hot cocoa.

Cold drinks were also available and enjoyed while the gifts were sorted and distributed among the children to be carried carefully home.

Some earnest little girls were also holding mugs filled with cocoa and handfuls of biscuits for relatives at home.

Business Survey

Mr Jack Tang, Director of South Sea Textiles, left Hongkong this morning by P.A.A. for America, Europe, and Britain where he will be making an extensive business survey tour.

New York, Feb. 1. A collection of the writings of Sir Winston Churchill and of books and articles about him has been presented to the Columbia University libraries, it was announced today.

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FOOD, CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED TO POOR FAMILIES

Children's faces shiny with soap, water and joy brought pleasure to many helpers at five centres of the Society for the Protection of Children throughout the Colony this morning.

The first of a series of parties on six successive days to celebrate Chinese New Year began today, and registered families congregated to receive gifts of food and clothing.

At Southern playground, Wanchoi, the distribution started shortly after 9 a.m.

Mrs M. A. Macleods, General Secretary, and Mrs Lorna Jordan, Hon. Branch Secretary, welcomed voluntary helpers who had come to reinforce the regular staff.

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MAN KILLED IN TRAFFIC MISHAP

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His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel attended by Captain Walter, were the guests of Mr G.H. Potts at lunch at Fanning, afterwards being present at the meet of the Fanning Hunt.

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IT is announced that Miss Helen Yu is being appointed a censor of films in Hongkong in place of Mr Ho Leung. Miss Yu was educated at Oxford, Paris and Rome and at the latter city was trained as a Montessori teacher by Dr Montessori.

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A MAN who stole the radiator cap from Dr I. Newton's car at Barker Road and bit the hand of the constable who arrested him, was sentenced to two months for theft and one month for biting. Inspector Murphy asked Mr Hamilton, the Magistrate, to take a serious view of the case as these thefts were very prevalent on the Peak.

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Mackintosh in a large advertisement announced that for three days, every article in the shop had been marked down to half price or less, and shirts were selling from \$4, silk ties, from \$2, Aquascutum overcoats from \$15, pullovers from \$4.25 and pyjamas from \$4.75.

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THE outfit of the Hong-kong Riding School at Metawul Road, Kowloon, comprising eleven ponies together with saddles and bridles, was bought by Mr C. Assumpcao, a Portuguese resident, at Lam-mert's auction rooms yesterday. He paid \$1,160 and it is understood he will continue the business.

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For the first time in 41 years snow fell at Swatow.

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